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TO TEACHERS.

The questions which are printed in large type are such as may be answered from the verses to which they refer. Those in smaller type are intended to assist in understanding and applying the passage.

Each passage of Scripture may be understood, and its practical lessons taught, by asking questions just as they stand. But it is expected that most teachers will introduce questions and remarks of their own, according to the age and character of their scholars. When this is done, some of the lessons in this volume may be found too long. If so, they should be divided by the superintendent or teacher.

Note.—Teachers and scholars will be much assisted in understanding a large portion of the lessons of this volume by referring to *The Life of David*, published by the American Sunday-school Union.

UNION QUESTIONS.

LESSON I.

[YEAR OF THE WORLD 2944—BEFORE CHRIST 1060.]

1 Samuel, chap. xxv. 1—19. 23—33. 35, 39.

1. WHOSE death is mentioned here?
Where was David when Samuel died?—ch. xxiv. 1. 22.
Where did David go?
Where was that wilderness?
Who lived there once?—See Gen. xxi. 21.
Who was king of Israel at this time?

2. Who is mentioned in this verse?
Where was Maon?
Where was Carmel?
What is said of this man?
What was this man doing?
What is *shearing?*
Do you know who is first mentioned in the Bible as employed in this way?—Gen. xxxi. 19.

3. What was the man's name?
What is *Nabal* in English?—See ver. 25.
What was his wife's name?
What was her character?
What was his character?
What is the meaning of *churlish?*

4. What did David hear?
Where was David then?

Do you know what was commonly done at the time of shearing?*

Where do you read of a feast on such an occasion?—2 Sam. xiii. 23.

5. What did David do?

What directions did he give them?

What is the meaning of *greeting him in my name?*

6. How were they to greet Nabal?

What was the common way of greeting a person?†

7. What else were the men to say to Nabal?

Where had David seen Nabal's shepherds?

How near was Carmel to the wilderness of Paran?

8. Who did he say could prove this was true?

What were the young men to ask for

How many men were with David?—ch. xxiii. 13.

9. Was all this done?

10, 11. What answer did Nabal make?

What was churlish and sinful in this?

Do you know what is called the golden rule?—Luke vi. 31.

12. What did David's young men do?

13. What did David and his men do?

How many went with him?

Was this the right way for them to act?

What good rule should we constantly remember?—1 Pet. iii. 9.

14. What did one of Nabal's shepherds do?

What is meant by *railing?*

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, published by the American Sunday-school Union, vol. i. p. 83, 84.

† Ibid. vol. i. p. 140.

15. What did he say of David's men ?

16. Of what service had they been to the shepherds ?

How had they been *as a wall* to them ?

7. What did he tell Abigail ?

Why did he not tell this to Nabal ?

What is *a son of Belial ?*

18. What did Abigail do ?

19. What did she do with them ?

Did Nabal know of it ?

Verses 23—33.

23. What did Abigail do when she met David ?

24. What did she say ?

25. What did she say of Nabal ?

26. What more did Abigail say ?

How had the Lord kept David from shedding blood ?

Why should we thank the Lord when we are prevented from committing a sin ?

What did Abigail wish about David's enemies ?

What did she mean by that ?

What is the Christian rule about this ?—See Matt. v. 44.

Why should we pray for our enemies ?

27. What did Abigail offer ?

What had she brought ?

28. What then did she say ?

What trespass ?

What did she say the Lord would do for David ?

What is meant by that?

Why did she think so?

What are meant by the *battles of the Lord?*

What did Abigail say of David's character?

How was this true of David as to his general character?

29. What more did Abigail say?

Whom did she mean by the man that pursued David?

What did she say about his safety?

What does the word *soul* generally mean?

What does it mean in such passages as Ps. vii. 5. Rev. xviii. 13?

What does it mean here?

What is meant by the *bundle of life?*

What does David say in Ps. lxvi. 8, 9?

Has the Lord made any promises to watch over the lives of the pious?—See Ps. xci.

What promises has he made as to their souls?—See John xiv. 2, 3. Rom. ii. 7.

What is declared of the lives of those who are not pious?—See Ps. lxxiii. 19, 20.

What is declared about their souls?—See Ps. ix. 17. Job xxi. 30. Rom. ii. 9.

What will become of the souls of the righteous and the wicked at the last judgment?—Matt. xxv. 46.

What did Abigail say about David's enemies?

What does the word *souls* mean here?

What is a sling?

What is meant by this comparison?

Where is a similar one used?—See Jer. x. 18.

30. What did Abigail remind David of?

Who is meant by the name *Lord* that is first mentioned?

Who is meant when the same name is again mentioned?

31. How did she end her address?
What did she mean?

32. What did David reply?

33. How did he receive her advice?
Is that a mark of wisdom?—Prov. xix. 20.

Verses 35—39.

35. Did David receive Abigail's present?

36. Where did Abigail then go?
What took place?
Why is not a drunken man fit to be told any thing?

37. When did she tell him what had passed?
How did Nabal feel then?
What is meant by this?

38. What became of Nabal?

39. What did David say when he heard of his death?
What is the meaning of his saying that the Lord had *pleaded the cause of his reproach?*
From what *evil* had the Lord kept David?
What is meant by Nabal's wickedness being *returned upon his own head?*
What does David say of the wicked?—Ps. vii. 16.
What does Solomon say on the subject?—Prov. xi. 27
What did David do after Nabal's death?
What is meant by this?
Did he marry Abigail?—See ver. 42.
Whom had David married before this?—See ver. 44.
What had become of her?—See ver. 44.

LESSON II.

1 Samuel, chap. xxvi. 1, 2. 5—21.

1. WHAT did the Ziphites tell Saul?
Who were the Ziphites?
Where was the hill of Hachilah situated?
2. What did Saul do?
How many men went with him?
What did he go for?

Verses 5—21.

5. Did David try to escape?
What did he do?
Is it meant that he came into Saul's camp?
Who was Saul's chief officer?
When had Abner first seen David?—See 1 Sam. xvii 55—58.
How was Saul situated?
What is meant by his being *in the trench?*
6. What did David propose to two of his men?
Which of them agreed to go with him?
Can you tell what relation Abishai was to David?—See 1 Chron. ii. 15, 16.
7. At what time did David and Abishai go to Saul's camp?
Where was Saul?
What weapon was near Saul?
Had Saul ever tried to injure David with his spear or javelin?—See 1 Sam. xix. 10.
8. What did Abishai want to do?

9. What did David say?

Why would he not let Abishai kill Saul?

How was Saul the *Lord's anointed?*

Why was this a good reason for not killing him?

10. What else did David say?

What is meant by the Lord *smiting* him?

What is meant by his *day to die?*

Does God know the very time in which each person will die?

What did Job say about this?—Job vii. 1; xiv. 5.

What was the third way which David mentioned?

In which of these ways did Saul die?—See 1 Sam. xxxi. 1—6

11. What did David tell Abishai to do?

What is a *cruse?*

What was his object in doing this?

Had David ever before spared Saul's life?—See 1 Sam. xxiv. 3.

What did he do at that time?—ver. 4.

What did he say was the reason of his doing so?—ver. 11.

12. What did they take?

Why were they not seen?

13. What did David do next

14. What did he say?

Could his voice be easily heard at night, and from the top of a hill?

Did Abner know who he was?

15, 16. What did David then say?

Was this in ridicule or in earnest?

17. How did Saul know David?

What did he call David?
How was David the son of Saul?
What did David call Saul?

18. What did David say to the king?
What was the true reason of Saul's hatred to David?

19. What else did David say?
Who had induced Saul to pursue David this time?—See ver. 1.
What was David ready to do if the Lord had sent Saul to punish him?
If men had urged him to it, what did David say about them?
What is meant by David's saying that they had told him to *go and serve other gods?*
Had he not been obliged to live among idolaters?
.s it not very wrong for a person to cause another to keep bad company?

20. What favour did David ask of the king?
What did he compare himself to?

21. What did Saul confess?
What did he invite David to do?
What did he promise him?
What reason did he give for doing this?
What is meant by *soul* here?
What did Saul say of his conduct?
How did this scene end?—ver. 25.

What instruction may we get from this history?
On whom did David depend for deliverance?
What was he ready to do if he had sinned against the Lord?—ver. 19.
How did he express his confidence in God?—ver. 24.

LESSON III.

1 Samuel, chap. xxvii. 1—8. 10—12; xxviii. 3—19; xxxi. 1—4. 6.

WHAT was the subject of the last lesson?

1—3. Where did David go?

Why did he go?

Had not Saul and he become friends?

Why would not David trust Saul?

Where was Gath?

Why did he go out of the land of Israel?

What had David once done to one of the people of Gath?—See 1 Sam. xvii.

Who went with David?

Who was the king of Gath?

When had David been in Gath before?—1 Sam. xxi. 10

Is it certain that this was the same Achish?

4. How did Saul act when he heard that David had gone?

5. What did David ask for?

6. What town did Achish give to David and his people to live in?

7. How long did they live there?

8. What did David and his men do?

Where were these nations?

What had the Lord directed the Israelites to do with these nations?—Deut. vii. 1, 2.

Verses 10—12.

10. What did Achish ask David?

What is meant by making a *road*?

What did David tell Achish he had done?

Did the people that he had destroyed live to the south of Judah?

Did David mean to deceive Achish?

How was Achish deceived by what David said?

What is a falsehood?

Is a person guilty of falsehood who tells even the truth in such a manner as to deceive!

11. Why did not David want Achish to know the truth?

What did he do to keep him from hearing it?

12. Was Achish deceived?

Why was he glad for what he thought David had done?

What did he expect David would become to him?

Chap. xxviii. 3—19.

3—14. Can you give a general account of what is related in these verses?

What is meant in the Old Testament by persons w had "familiar spirits"?

What is meant by "wizard" and "witch"?

Can any being excepting God foretell what is to happen?

How were the prophets enabled to predict?

How do we know that God did not enable witches and such persons to do what they pretended to do?—See Exod. xxii. 18. Deut. xviii. 10—12.

What is the sin of consulting such people?

What is the sin of such people themselves?

Where did the woman live that Saul consulted?

Where was Endor?

What did he ask the woman to do?

What did he mean?

Could she have done it?

Who alone can raise the dead?

What did Christ call himself?—John xi. 25.

Did Samuel appear?

Is it probable that the Lord caused him to appear, that Saul might hear the message from the Lord?

What makes it seem likely that the woman of Endor did not expect to see any one appear?—See ver. 12, 13.

15. Why did Saul want to see Samuel?

16—18. What reason did Samuel give for Saul being in such trouble?

19. What did Samuel predict?

Chap. xxxi. 1—4. 6.

1. Who fought with the Israelites?

Which conquered?

Where was the battle fought?

2. What happened to Saul's sons?

3. What happened to Saul?

4. How was he killed?

What is the crime called that he committed?

Why is it a sin to commit suicide?

Verse 6.

6. Who else were killed in that battle?

How long did Saul reign?—Acts xiii. 21.

Why was he made king?—1 Sam. x. 19.

What had Samuel warned the people of? ch. xii 25.

What was the first great sin that Saul committed as king ?—ch. xiii. 9. 13.
What was to be his punishment for that offence ?—ch. xiii. 14.
What was his next act of disobedience ?—ch. xv. 3. 9.
What was then told him ?—ch. xv. 23.
What happened to him when David was anointed to be king after him ?—ch. xvi. 14.
What crime did he afterwards attempt to commit ?—ch. xviii. 11.
How else did he wrong and persecute David ?
What other sins are mentioned as the cause of his death ?—See 1 Chron. x. 13, 14.
What do we learn from the life of Saul about the consequences of sin ?
What would have been his condition if he had obeyed God ?—ch. xiii. 13.
What do we learn about the certainty of what God threatens ?
Will he not then punish impenitent sinners as he has declared he will ?
What should be our constant prayer ?—Ps. li. 10, 11.

LESSON IV.

1 Samuel, chap. xxix. 4 ; xxx. 1—18. 21—24.

What was the principal subject of the last lesson ?
Had David gone with the Philistines against Saul ?
4. What prevented him ?

Chap. xxx. 1—18.

1. To what place did David and his men return ?
To whom did the city of Ziklag belong ?—ch. xxvii. 6.
What had happened whilst he was away ?

How long had they been away ?
Who were the Amalekites ?
Where did they live ?

2. What had the Amalekites done ?
Why did they take the people *captive ?*
What was often done with the captives ?*

3. What had they done with the city ?
Was this a common mode of warfare ?

4. How were David and his people affected ?

5. What had David suffered ?

6. What else distressed him ?
Why were they angry with David ?
What did they talk of doing to him ?
What did David do in his distress ?
What is meant by he *encouraged himself ?*
Can you mention some passages in the psalms which explain this ?—See Ps. xxvii. lvi. 3, 4. 11.
What may the Christian say in times of trouble ?—Rom. viii. 31, 32. Heb. xiii. 6.

7. What did David do ?
Who was Ahimelech ?—See chap. xxi. 1.
What became of him ?—See chap. xxii. 18.
How did Abiathar escape ?—ch. xxii. 20.
What was the ephod ?
How many kinds were there ?
Who wore it ?
How was it used in learning the will of the Lord ?

8. What did David ask of the Lord ?
In what manner did he ask ?
Is it meant that David used the ephod, or that he asked through Abiathar ?

* See Biblical Antiquities, vol. i. p. 277.

Why was this better than Saul's way of inquiring what he should do?

What was the Lord's answer to his question?

Is there an ephod now?

What must we do to learn our duty and to obtain the direction of God?

Who is in the place of high-priest for us?

In what great respect does Christ excel the Jewish priests?—Heb. vii. 25.

What does the apostle further say of him?—Heb. vii. 26—28.

9, 10. What did David do?

How many men were with him?

11—15. How did he find the Amalekites?

16. What were the Amalekites doing when David came to them?

17. What did David do?

How many escaped?

18. What did David recover?

Verses 21—24.

21. Who came to meet them?

Why had they not gone to battle with the rest?—See ver. 10.

22. What sort of men are here spoken of?

What is meant by men of Belial?

What advice did they give David?

What was there disgraceful in this advice?

Why should men be generous?

Was it any *fault* in the two hundred men that they had not gone with the others?

What was dishonest in the advice?

Are we entitled to the property of another if we get it back from a thief?

Why is it unlawful to keep property that we find, if we know who the owner is?

23. What did David say to them?

To whom did he attribute the victory that he had gained?

24. How did he decide the matter?

Who are meant by those that *tarry by the stuff?*

What does this prove that the two hundred men were doing whilst the rest were in battle?

LESSON V.

Who was the author of this book?

Could it have been written by Samuel?

How may it have been written?—See 1 Chron. xxix. 29.

How many years history is contained in the second book of Samuel?—About forty.

What years of the world does it include?—2949 to 2989.

2 Sam. i. 12. 17. 19—21. 23; ii. 1—4. 8—11.

12. How were David and his men affected when they heard of the death of Saul?

Why were they distressed?

How do you account for the sorrow of David for Saul's death?

Ver. 17.

17. What did David write on this occasion?

Ver. 19—21.

19. How does the elegy begin?

Who are meant by "the beauty of Israel," and "the mighty"?—See 1 Sam. xxxi. 6.

20. What is the next verse?

Where were the cities that are mentioned here?

Why would the Philistines rejoice?

Why does he allude to the *daughters* rejoicing?—See 1 Sam. xviii. 6. Judg. xi. 34.

21. What mountains are here addressed?

What is meant by this?—1 Sam. xxxi. 1. 8.

Did David really wish that there might be no dew nor rain, or is it only poetical?

Ver. 23.

23. Which of Saul's sons did David particularly mention?

What had been the feelings of Jonathan and David towards each other?

How did David express it in this lamentation?—ver. 26

Do you remember any of the interesting events of their friendship?

Chap. ii. 1—4.

Where was David when Saul died?

Who was now the king of Israel?

How long was it since David had been anointed?

Why had he been living among the Philistines?

1. What did David now do?

What did he first ask?

Why do you think he mentioned Judah?

To what tribe did David belong?—See 1 Sam. xvii. 12

What did the Lord answer?

What then did David ask?

What was the reply?

Where was Hebron?

How far was it from Bethlehem?
What can you tell about this place?*
What is its present condition?†
Why should we seek direction from the Lord?
How does David pray in some of his psalms?—Ps. xxvii. 11; cxliii. 8.

2. Did David go to Hebron?
Whom did he take with him?

3. Who else went with him?
How many men had he?—1 Sam. xxvii. 2, and 1 Chron. xii. 1. 22.
Where is there a full account of the numbers that joined David about this time?—In 1 Chron. xii.
Who were with the men?
Where did they live?
What are meant by the *cities* of Hebron?

4. Who came to David at Hebron?
What did they do?
Why was he anointed king of Judah only, and not of all the tribes?
Had David ever been anointed before?—See 1 Sam. xvi. 13.

Verses 8—11.

8. What other person was set up as king?
By what other name is he called?—1 Chron. viii. 33.
Do you know the meaning of Ishbosheth?
Who brought him forward?
Where was Ishbosheth placed?
Why was that place called so?—Gen. xxxii. 1, 2.
Had he any right to the throne?

* See Geography of the Bible, published by American Sunday-school Union, p. 156.
† Ibid. p. 157

Why did Abner act thus?
What relation was Abner to Saul?—See 1 Sam. xiv. 50.
Did not Abner know that the Lord had directed Samuel to anoint David to be king after Saul?—See 2 Sam. iii. 9, 10.

9. Over what tribes did Abner place Ishbosheth?

10. How old was he?
How long did he reign?—Compare with ver. 11.
Who remained with David?
What was the prophecy about this tribe?—Gen. xlix. 10.

11. How long did David reign in Hebron?

LESSON VI.

Who were the kings of the Jews at this time?
Over whom was David king?
Over whom was Ishbosheth king?
Where did David live?
Where did Ishbosheth live?

2 Samuel, chap. iii. 1. 6. 9—13; chap. iv. 1, 2. 5, 6. 8—12.

1. Were the two parties at peace?
Which was the larger party?
What change took place in them?

Ver. 6.

6. Who was the principal leader of the house of Saul?

Verses 9—13.

9, 10. When Ishbosheth displeased Abner, what did Abner declare he would do?

What is the meaning of *translate* here?
What is meant here by Israel as different from Judah?
In what part of the land was Dan?
Where was Beersheba?
What is meant by the expression "from Dan to Beersheba"?
How does this prove that Abner had been trying to oppose the will of God?
Could he have kept the kingdom from David?
On what did David rely?—Compare 1 Sam. xvi. 1. Num. xxiii. 19. Ps. lxxxix. 35; lxxi. 1.

11. What proof is given here of Abner's power over Ishbosheth?

12. What offer did Abner make to David?

What is a *league?*

13. Did David agree to Abner's offer? On what condition?

What right had David to Michal?
What had become of her?—See 1 Sam. xxv. 44.
How long had they been separated?
Was Michal returned to him?—See ver. 15.
Was Phaltiel her true husband?
Can you tell what became of Abner?—2 Sam. iii. 26, 27.
What was Joab's motive in committing this murder?
How had his brother been killed?—2 Sam. ii. 18—23.
What relation was Joab to David?—See 1 Chron. ii 15, 16.
How was David affected by Abner's death?—ver. 32.
What did he say of him?—ver. 38.
How was Joab punished for this?—See 1 Kings ii. 32—34.

Chap. iv. 1, 2.

1. What was the consequence of Abner's death in the rest of the kingdom?

Who is here meant?

How did Abner's death make Ishbosheth "feeble"?

How were the people affected?

Is it meant they were *grieved*, or that they were *afraid?*

2. What persons are here mentioned?

What were captains of bands?

Who was the father of these men?

Verses 5, 6.

5. What did these men do?

What time of day was it?

Where did Ishbosheth live?—ch. ii. 8.

What was the climate of Palestine?*

6. What then did they do?

What was their pretence?

How did they kill him?

What weapon did they probably use?—See ch. i. 23.

Verses 8—12.

8. How did David hear of this?

What did the two murderers say to David?

Who did they mean had sought David's life?

Of whom did they say David was now avenged?

Did David wish any vengeance?

* See Biblical Antiquities, published by American Sunday-school Union, vol. i. p. 24.

9. How did David begin his answer to them?

What is here meant by his *soul?*

What is meant by its being redeemed from adversity?

What expression of this kind do you remember in his psalms?—See Ps. xxxi. 7, 8; ciii. 4.

What is the hope of the Christian both as to his protection in this world and in the next?—Ps. xxxiv. 22. 2 Tim. iv. 18.

10. What does David refer to?

Why had he acted so?—See 2 Sam. i. 16.

11. What made the murder of Ishbosheth worse than that of Saul?

What is meant here by *righteous?*

Had he been slain in war?

Was Saul killed in war?

12. What was done to the two men?

What respect was paid to Ishbosheth?

LESSON VII.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

What was the last event mentioned?

2 Samuel, chap. iv. 4; v. 1—5.

4 Who else of Saul's family was living at this time?

How old was he when his father and grandfather were killed?

How old was he at this time?—Compare ch. v. 5.

What was the matter with him?

How had he become lame?

What relation was Mephibosheth to Saul?

What relation was Ishbosheth to Saul?—See 2 Sam. ii. 8.

Who then, according to the custom of kings, had the right to the throne?

But whom had the Lord appointed?

What do you learn from this?—Prov. xix. 21.

Chap. v. 1—5.

1. Who came to David?

What did they come for?

How many came this time?

How many had come to him before?—ch. ii. 4.

Why did they *all* come now?

How did they speak to David?

How were they his *bone and flesh?*

What did the Lord require of them in choosing a king?—See Deut. xvii. 15.

2. What did they then speak of?

When had David led the Israelites?

What did they mention that the Lord had said?

What is referred to here?—See 1 Sam. xvi. 1. 13.

If they knew this, why did they not acknowledge David as king as soon as Saul was dead?—See 2 Sam. ii. 8, 9.

What is meant by *feeding* Israel?

How is a king like a shepherd?

How did David act in this respect to the Israelites?—See Ps. lxxviii. 72.

What promise is given in Ezek. xxxiv. 23, and xxxvii. 24?

As David died many years before Ezekiel's time, what does this mean?—See Rom. i. 3.

What is the prophecy in Isa. xl. 10, 11?

How were these prophecies fulfilled?—See John x. 11. 14.

Is not Christ also called a King?—Heb. i. 8. Luke i. 32.

What else is David here called?

How was he the captain of Israel?

What is the office of a captain or leader?

What is Christ called in Heb. ii. 10?

In what sense is he the Captain of salvation?

What must you do to be saved?—Acts xvi. 31. John x. 27; xii. 26.

3. Who came to David?

Who were the elders?

What did they and David do

What is meant by their *making a league?*—See 1 Chron. xi. 3.

Where was it done?

What is meant by their doing it *before the Lord?*

What is the advice of one of David's sons?—Prov. iii. 6.

What is the advantage of doing so?

What is the disadvantage of neglecting it?

What was then done?

How often and when had David been anointed before?—See 1 Sam. xvi. 13. 2 Sam. ii. 4.

What was his kingdom now?

Over how much had he been king before?

How did the Israelites express their joy?—See 1 Chron. xii. 39, 40.

4. How old was David at this time?

How long did he reign?

5. How was his reign divided?

How many years does this make?

LESSON VIII.

WHAT was the principal subject in the last lesson?
In what year of the world did David begin to reign over all Israel?—[2956.]
How long was that before Christ?—[1048.]
How long since the Israelites left Egypt?—[443 years.]
How long from the present time?
Where else is this history recorded?—1 Chron. ch. xi.

2 Samuel, chap. v. 6, 7. 9, 10.

6. Where did David go?
What was its former name?—See Judg. xix. 10. 1 Chron. xi. 4.
How old do some suppose it to have been?—See Gen. xiv. 18.
What does David call Jerusalem in one place?—See Ps. lxxvi. 2.
May not its name be derived from Jebus and Salem united?
Who destroyed the city of Jerusalem when it belonged to the Canaanites?—Josh. x. 17. 23. 26.
To whom was it given when the land was divided among the tribes?—Josh. xviii. 28.
Who obtained it?—Judg. i. 8.
Who inhabited it when David became king?
How came the Jebusites to have possession?—See Josh. xv. 63.
What did they say to David?
What did they mean?*
How is this told in 1 Chron. xi. 5?
What did the Jebusites think of David's attempt?

* See Geography of the Bible, p. 149, and Bible Dictionary of American Sunday-school Union, article "Jerusalem."

Can you tell how Jerusalem was situated, and how it was fortified?*

7. What did David take?

What is it called in 1 Chron. xi. 5?
What part of the city was called Zion?
Why was it called a fortress and a castle?

What was it afterwards called?

Was it long called so?
Who took this fortress?—See 1 Chron. xi. 6.
Why is Jerusalem often called the "daughter of Zion"? (as in Isa. i. 8. Matt. xxi. 5.)
To what is the name Zion often applied?—See Heb. xii. 22.
Why is the church of God called so?—See Isa. xxviii. 16. Rom. ix. 33. 1 Pet. ii. 6.
Can you tell when and by whom Jerusalem was destroyed?†
Who predicted its destruction?—See Matt. xxiv. 1—28.

Verses 9, 10.

9. Where did David live?

Did Jerusalem become the capital of Israel?—See ver. 5.

How did he enlarge the city?

What was Millo?
Who repaired the city?—See 1 Chron. xi. 8.

10. What is here said of David?

What is meant by he *went on?*
How did he *grow great?*

* See Geography of the Bible, p. 147—150; Biblical Antiquities, vol. ii. p. 61—63; and map of Jerusalem, with Selumiel; all published by the American Sunday-school Union.

† An interesting work on this subject has been published by the American Sunday-school Union, under the title of "The Destruction of Jerusalem."

What made him great?

What is meant by the Lord of *hosts?*

Can you tell in what respects David was a great king?

Of what advantage would his past afflictions be to him?

What did he himself say of this?—Ps. cxix. 71. 75.

Do you think he was proud because God had taken him from being a shepherd to become a king?

Do you remember what he says in one of his psalms about his love for the worship of God?—Ps. lxxxiv. 10.

What did he feel the need of when he thought of his sins?—Ps. li. 1.

What was his prayer?—Ps. li. 10—12.

What was the state of his mind when he offered that prayer?—Ps. li. 17.

What may *you* learn from this?

Is "the Lord God of hosts" with *you?*

LESSON IX.

2 Samuel, chap. v. 11, 12. 21; vi. 2.

11. Who is mentioned here?

Where was Tyre?*

How far was it from Jerusalem?

What did Hiram send to David?

What were these for?

How could they be brought from Tyre to Jerusalem?—See Ezra iii. 7.

What kind of wood did Hiram send?

Where did the cedar principally grow?—Ezra iii. 7.

How near was Tyre to Lebanon?

What son of David was born in Jerusalem that became so celebrated?—See ver. 14.

Can you give in your own words some account of three

* See Geography of the Bible, published by American Sunday-school Union, p. 169, 170, and map to this volume.

mighty men who were with David, and what they had done?—1 Chron. xi. 15—18.
How did David act on that occasion?—1 Chron. xi. 19.

12. What is here said of David?
Did he not know this before?
What is particularly meant by *established?*
How did he perceive it?
Did he think the Lord had done this for David's sake?
Why are the Israelites called God's people?
What nation attacked the Israelites after this?
What did David do?—Ver. 25.

Verse 21.

21. What had the Philistines brought with them?
What are meant by images?—See 1 Chron. xiv. 12.
What was done with these idols?
Why do you suppose David had them burned?

Chap. vi. 2. 1—3. 5.

2. What did David next determine to do?
What was the "ark of God"?
Where was it at this time?
By what other names is Baale called?—See Josh. xv. 9. 60.
Where was Baale?
Can you tell how it happened to be in Baale?—See 1 Sam. iv. 3. 10, 11; vi. 1. 21; vii. 1.
In whose house was it?—1 Sam. vii. 1.
Do you know how long it was in that place?
To what place did David wish to bring the ark?
What is said here of God's name?
How is this mentioned in the Chronicles?—See 1 Chron. xiii. 6.

What is meant by God *dwelling between the cheru bim ?*—See Exod. xxv. 21, 22.

Who went with David ?

Verse 1.

1. How many men were with him ?

Where did they go from ?

Verse 3.

3. How did they carry the ark ?

Can you tell how large it was according to our mea sure ?—See Ex. xxv. 10.

How were the Levites directed to carry it ?—See Ex xxv. 14, and Num. vii. 9.

Did David remember this afterwards ?—1 Chron. xv. 2

Where had it been carried in a cart before ?—See 1 Sam. vi. 1. 7. 10.

Where did they find the ark ?

What place was Gibeah ?*

Who drove the cart ?

What animals drew it ?—See ver. 6.

Verse 5.

5. What did David and the people do ?

What is meant by their playing *before the Lord ?*

What musical instruments did they use ?

What sort of instruments were made of fir ?

What were the other instruments ?†

What was the intention of this music ?—See Ps. cl.

What did they do besides playing on instruments ?—See 1 Chron. xiii. 8.

What is David supposed to have written on this occa sion ?—Ps. lxviii.

* See Bible Dictionary, published by the American Sunday school Union.

† See Biblical Antiquities, published by the American Sun day-school Union, vol. i. p. 194. 196

How does that psalm begin?
Where did David learn that verse?—See Num. x. 35.
Read the 24th and 25th verses of that psalm.
What is the 18th verse?
To whom does the apostle Paul apply these words?—See Eph. iv. 7, 8.
How do they apply to the taking of the ark from Baale?
How do they apply to Christ?
In what respects have we greater reason to rejoice than David and his people had?
Repeat the 19th verse of that psalm.
How is the Lord the God of salvation *to you?*

LESSON X.

2 Samuel, chap. vi. 6—11.

What was David doing at the time mentioned in the last lesson?

6, 7. Can you tell what happened on the way?

Who was Uzzah?

Why did he touch the ark?—See 1 Chron. xiii. 9.

Can you tell what was his sin?—See Num. iv. 15.

Why do you suppose the ark was not to be touched except by the Levites?

May not Uzzah, besides, have been guilty of disrespect in his heart to the Lord?

If he had not been punished, what would the people have thought of the law in Num. iv. 15?

Do you remember what had happened in Beth-shemesh in Samuel's time?—See 1 Sam. vi. 19.

What lesson did that event teach to the people?—See 1 Sam. vi. 20.

What good effect then might the punishment of Uzzah be expected to have?

What example did it set to David and the Israelites?

Was this the same tabernacle that Moses kept the ark in?—See 2 Chron. i. 3, 4.

2. What did David say about carrying the ark?

When had the Lord given this direction?

3. What preparation did the king make?

4. Whom did he assemble?

Who are meant by the children of Aaron?*

What office did they hold?*

Who are meant by the Levites?*

What was their duty?*

What was the difference between the duties of the descendants of Aaron and of the other persons of the tribe of Levi?

5—10. Can you tell how many Levites there were altogether?

From whom were they descended?

Where are their ancestors mentioned?—Ex. vi. 16—22.

11. Who were the priests?

12. What did the king tell the priests and Levites to do?

What is meant here by *sanctify?*

How were persons and places sanctified in this sense?—See Ex. xix. 14. Levit. viii. 10. 15. 30. 2 Chron. xxix. 5.

Would these services sanctify the heart?

What alone can do that?—See 1 Cor. vi. 11.

Why were the priests and Levites to be sanctified?

Can you tell what good effects the law would be likely

* See Num. iii. 5—10.

to have which required their purifying for this purpose?

13. What does David refer to here?

What is meant by seeking the Lord *after the due order?*

What had been their error?

14. What was then done?

15. How was it done?

How was the ark carried?—See Ex. xxv. 14.

Verse 28.

28. How did the people show their joy and praise?

Who were the singers and musicians?—See ver. 16.

What psalm is thought to have been sung on this occasion?—Ps. xxiv.

Do you know how they were in the habit of singing such verses as the last four of that psalm?*

What religious service did David perform?—See 2 Sam. vi. 13.

1 Chron. chap. xvi. 1—5.

1—3. What was done when they arrived at Jerusalem?

What were burnt-sacrifices?†

What were peace-offerings?†

What was the difference in their design?†

4. What officers did David appoint?

What is meant by *recording?*

* See Life of David, p. 187, 188, published by the American Sunday-school Union.

† See Bible Dictionary, article, "Offering," or Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, both published by the American Sunday-school Union.

5. Who was the chief of the singers?

What titles do you find at the head of psalm l. and also at the psalms from the lxxiii. to the lxxxiii.?

Did Asaph write these psalms?*

What do you understand by the title "To the chief musician," which is placed before many of the psalms?—See Ps. iv. v. xi. &c.

If God required the Levites and people to be purified, how should our hearts be prepared for his service?

What does the apostle say of the ceremonies that were observed before Christ came?—Heb. ix. 9, 10.

What did Christ say about the change?—John iv. 23, 24.

What is meant by worshipping God in *spirit?*

What is meant by worshipping him in *truth?*

Why can this sort of worship alone be acceptable to God?

The people were punished because they did not seek God *after the due order*, how must we seek God?

Can you recite any texts on this subject?—See 1 Tim. ii. 5. Acts iv. 12.

Can you find any other texts of this kind?

How can we seek God through Christ?

What is the apostle's advice?—Heb. xii. 1, 2.

How would you express those verses in your own words?

What promises are given to those who do seek in this manner?—John vi. 37.

When should God be sought?—Eccl. xii. 1. Isa. lv. 6, 7.

* See Bible Dictionary, article Asaph.

LESSON XII.

WHAT was the subject of the last lesson?
Where had the ark been placed?

1 Chronicles, chap. xvi. 7—36.

7. What else was done on this occasion?
What is a *psalm?**
What was the object of this psalm?
To whom did David give it?
Why did he give it to them?
Is this found in the book of Psalms?
How is it found there?—See Ps. cv. 1—15; xcvi. 3-13; cvi. 1. 47, 48.

8. What is the first thing mentioned in this psalm?
What particular reasons were there why the Israelites should thank the Lord?
Can you mention any greater reasons why you should thank the Lord than they had?
What is *calling on the name of the Lord?*
Why should you pray?
What is meant by *making known the Lord's deeds among the people?*
What is the duty of Christians in this respect?—See Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.

9. What duties are here spoken of?
How does singing aid us in praising God?
What advantage is there in *talking* about God?
What will Christians delight to talk of?
10. What is meant by *glorying* in this verse?
Why should we glory and rejoice in seeking the Lord?
What does the apostle say to the disciples of Christ? Phil. iv. 4.
In what did he glory?—Gal. vi. 14.

* See Bible Dictionary

11. What direction is here given?
What is meant by it?
How can it be done?
How often should it be done?
How can it be done continually?
What is the ark called in Ps. lxxviii. 61?
But what is the strength on which we must rely?—See 1 Cor. i. 30, 31.

12. What are the people called on to do?
Can you mention any of the "marvellous works and wonders" which God had done for them?
What were the *judgments of his mouth?*

13. What are the people called?
Who was Israel?
How were they the "chosen ones" of God?

14. What reason is here given for worshipping and seeking the Lord?
What makes this a good reason?
What reasons does David mention in psalm c.?
What are meant here by *judgments?*

15—18. What were the Israelites here reminded of?
Can you tell where the account of this covenant is given?
What was the covenant?

19. What was the state of the Jews when the covenant was first made?

20—22. How had the Lord protected them?
Can you mention any instances of this protection?
What encouragement does Christ give to his people?—Luke xii. 32.

23. Who are here called on to praise the Lord?

How can we *show forth his salvation?*

24. What duty is here spoken of?

How is it to be done?

Why ought missionaries to be sent to the heathen?

25. What reason does David here give?

Are there any other gods?

26. What are those things that are called so by Pagans?

Who is the Creator?

What is said of Jesus Christ in John i. 3, and Heb. i. 10?

Who then was Jesus Christ?

27. What more is said of the Lord?

How does this apply to Christ?

What is meant by the Lord's *place?*—See Ps. xcvi. 6

What was then his sanctuary?

What is it now?—See John iv. 21. 23, 24.

LESSON XIII.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

On what occasion was the psalm sung?

1 Chron. chap. xvi. ver. 28—43.

28, 29. How is this psalm continued?

What is meant by *giving* glory and strength to the Lord?

What is meant by *kindreds of the people?*

What is the offering which God will accept?—Ps. li. 17

30. What is the earth called on to do?

What is meant by all the earth?

Why should all people fear the Lord?

What is said of the world?
Can you explain that?

31. What is next mentioned?
What is meant by *the heavens?*
Why should all in heaven and earth be glad?
How is this to be told to all nations?
How should this be done now?—Matt. xxviii. 19.

32, 33. What else are called on to praise the Lord?
What is meant here by the Lord's *judging* the earth?
How may it be applied to Christ?

34. What other reasons for praise are added?
How has the Lord shown goodness to you?
What effect should his goodness have?—See Rom. ii. 4.
How has he shown you mercy?
What effect should it have?—See Rom. xii. 1.

35. What prayer is added?
If the Lord has been good and merciful to you, what should be your prayer?
For what reason were the people to pray for deliverance?
What ought to be our great motive in desiring salvation?—See 2 Thess. i. 12.

36. How does the psalm end?
What is meant by *blessing* God?
What is meant by *for ever and ever?*
How is this expressed in psalm cvi. 48?
Will there be beings to praise God for ever?
Do *you* expect to live *for ever?*
Do you expect to praise God then?

If you do, what reason have you for expecting it?

What did the people say at the end of the singing?

What is said at the end of psalm cvi.?

What is the meaning of *Amen?*

What is meant by Amen when it is said at the end of prayer?

Should it not then be said as solemnly as the rest of the prayer?

How is it used by the apostle John?—See Rev. xxii. 20.

What more did the people do?

Why should praise and prayer be united?

What does the apostle Paul direct?—Phil. iv. 6.

What does he say will be the effect of doing so?—Phil. iv. 7.

Do you know what is the Hebrew word for "praise the Lord"?—[Hallelujah, or as in the New Testament, Alleliua.]

Where does it occur with the word Amen?—See Rev. xix. 4.

37. Whom did David appoint to attend the ark at Jerusalem?

What was their duty?—See ver. 4.

38. Whom else did he appoint?

What was the duty of *porters?*—See 1 Chron. xv. 24.

Do you remember what David says in one of his psalms about the house of God?—See Ps. lxxxiv. 10.

Do you love the place where God is worshipped as much as that?

39. Who were the priests at Gibeon?

Where was Gibeon?

What remained there?—See chap. xxi. 29.

40. What did David direct to be done at Gibeon?

41, 42. Who were the officers at Gibeon?

43. What then did the people do?

Where did David go?

For what purpose?

What is meant by *blessing his house?*

LESSON XIV.

2 Samuel, chap. vii. 1, 2. 5—16.

1, 2. WHAT is related in these verses?

What is a *house of cedar?*

How had he gotten the cedar wood for his house?—See chap. v. 11.

What made his house better than the tent of the ark?

Can men build a house for the worship of God equal to his greatness?—2 Chron. ii. 6.

What was David's object then in wishing to build a place for the ark?

What was the principal use of such a place?—See Deut. xii. 10, 11.

What may have led David to think of it at this time?—Compare Deut. xii. 9—11, and 2 Sam. vii. 1.

What is the use of a place of worship?

What blessings are often found in it?

What encouragement does the Bible give us to expect a blessing there?—Matt. xviii. 20. Heb. x. 25.

What disposition is necessary to enjoy these services?—See Isa. lxvi. 1, 2.

How did Stephen quote these verses?—Acts vii. 48—50.

How did Paul refer to them?—Acts xvii. 24, 25.

Verses 5—16.

5. What message did the Lord send by Nathan to David?

How is this told in the Chronicles?—1 Chron. xvii. 4

What was the cause of this?—See 1 Chron. xxii. 8.

6. What else did the Lord say?

What is meant by the Lord's saying, "*I* have not dwelt"—"*I* have walked"?

How did the Lord appear in the tabernacle?

How long had the Lord thus appeared?

How many years was it?

7. What did the Lord ask?

What is meant by this?

8. What message did the Lord send to David?

What is a sheep-cote?

Do you remember how David was called from being a shepherd?

Where is the account of it?

How old was he then?

9. What had the Lord done for him?

What is meant by the Lord being *with* him?

How had David become *a great name?*

10. What promise is here made?

What place is meant?

Had they ever yet been quietly settled in Canaan?

Who are meant by *the children of wickedness?*

When had the Israelites been afflicted in this way *before-time?*

11. When had they been afflicted since that?—See Judg. ii. 14, 15. 1 Sam. xii. 9.

What was promised to David?

What is meant by this promise?

How long can the descendants of David be traced? See Matt. i. 6—16.

12. What time is here spoken of?

Why is death called sleep?

Does the soul sleep?

Which of David's sons is here spoken of?—See 1 Chron. xxviii. 6.

13. What was David's son to do?

Was Solomon born yet?

What was promised for him?

What is meant in this place by *for ever?*

On what condition was this promise made?—See 1 Chron. xxviii. 7.

Was the offer of David to build the temple pleasing to the Lord?—See 1 Kings viii. 18.

Do you know how long David's descendants continued to be the kings of Israel?

Who is said in the New Testament to be the successor of David?—See Luke i. 32, 33.

How was this predicted?—Isa. ix. 7.

Why is Christ called a king?

How is he spoken of as such?—Heb. i. 8.

As the temple was not built in the time of David, what does he call by that name in his psalms?—See Ps. v. 7; xxvii. 4, &c.

14. What promise is made for Solomon?

What is meant by the first expression?

To whom is this applied?—Heb. i. 5.

How does it apply to Christ?—See Acts xiii. 22, 23.

Who else are called the children of God?

Why are the disciples of Christ called so?—See Gal. iii. 26. Rom. viii. 15.

What did the Lord threaten?

How would that be a proof of his love?

What does the Bible say on that subject?—Heb. xii. 7. Rev. iii. 19.

In what manner did the Lord say Solomon should be punished if he did wrong?

What is meant by the rod of men?

What are wicked men called in one of the psalms?—See Ps. xvii. 13, 14.

Did Solomon do evil?—See 1 Kings xi. 6.

How was he punished?—See 1 Kings xi. 14. 23. 26.

How may this passage be applied to Christians?

If they will be punished as children for their good, how will those be punished who are not God's children?

15. What more did the Lord promise for Solomon?

How had Saul been punished?

Does *mercy* then here refer to eternal or temporal punishment?

16. What is here repeated about David's family?

LESSON XV.

2 Samuel, vii. 17—24. 26—29.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

17. Who told the message to David?

How did Nathan know what to say?

Do you remember what the message was?

What was the cause of the message being sent?

What promise had the Lord given to David?

18. What did David do when Nathan had told him?

Where did he go?

What is meant by his *sitting before the Lord?*

What did he say?

Explain that.

What had the Lord told Samuel when he was sent to anoint David?—1 Sam. xvi. 7.

19. What did David then say?

Why did he call what the Lord had done for him *a small thing?*—(See the rest of the verse.)

What exclamation did he make?

What is the meaning of it?

How is it expressed in Chronicles?—1 Chron. xvii. 17.

How was God's conduct in this different from that of man?

What may we learn from this?—Ps. cxviii. 8, 9.

Who did Christ say are blessed?—Matt. v. 3.

What is often the condition of the pious?—See James ii. 5.

20. What did David then declare?

Where has David expressed this thought at greater length?—See Ps. cxxxix. 1—12.

21. To what did he attribute these blessings?

What is meant here by God's *word?*

How did these blessings to David and his descendants fulfil God's word?

What was the greatest blessing that was thus given?—See John vii. 42. Rom. i. 3.

What is the meaning of *according to thine own heart?*

How did Nebuchadnezzar speak of the government of God?—Dan. iv. 35.

22. How did David praise the Lord?

What is meant when God is called *great?*

What is the meaning of the last part of the verse?

How had the greatness of the Lord been seen by the Israelites?

23. What events in their history are here referred to?

How had God distinguished the Israelites from all other people?

What was their great advantage?—Rom. iii. 2.

What is the meaning of *redeem?*

How had the Lord redeemed them from Egypt?
What is the redemption which Jesus Christ has made?

24. What is said here?
What is meant here by *confirmed?*—See Gen. xvii. 7. Heb. vi. 17.
Who are now the people of God?
Can you tell how all Christians are said to be the covenant people of God?—Comp. Gal. iii. 7. 14. 16. 17. 22. 28, 29.

What had the Lord become to the Jews?
Do you remember what David's great-grandmother said when she came to live in the land of Israel?—See Ruth i. 16.
Is not the Lord the God of the whole world?
What is meant then by this expression of David?
What is meant by the Lord being the God of Christians?
What does the apostle Paul say of such?—2 Cor. vi. 16—18.

Verses 26—29.

26. What is in this verse?
What is meant by *magnifying* the Lord's *name?*
How did the Lord Jesus once pray?—John xii. 28.

27. What does David again allude to?
What is meant by David's *finding it in his heart* to pray?

What had led him to this?
What effect should the goodness of God have on sinners?—Rom. ii. 4.
Is there any thing that should put it into your hearts to pray?
How must those pray who wish to be blessed?—See Jer. xxix. 13.

28, 29. How does David's prayer end?
Was this the first time that he had sought the Lord? See Ps. lxxi. 5. 17.
What does this teach the young?

LESSON XVI.

2 Samuel, ch. viii. ix.

1—14. Can you give a general account of what is related in the eighth chapter?
About what year of the world did these things happen? —[2964]
How long before Christ?—[1040.]
How many years ago was that?
Do these wars seem to have been necessary for the safety of the Israelites?
What proves that David acted right in these wars?—See ver. 6 and 14.
What did he do with the silver and gold that he took from his enemies?—ver. 11.
How did he dedicate them to the Lord?—See 1 Chron. xxii. 14.
Who first used them?—1 Kings vii. 51.
What is promised as the effect of the gospel?—Isa. ii. 4.
How should men act so as to prevent wars and quarrels?—1 John iii. 23.

15. What is said of David's government?
What is meant by *executing judgment?*

16, 17. Who was his principal captain?
What relation was he to David?—See 1 Chron. ii 15, 16.
How came Joab to be the chief captain?—See 1 Chron xi. 6.

What was the *recorder's* duty?

What was the difference between the recorder and the scribe?*

18. Who are meant by *Cherethites and Pelethites?*†

What were David's sons?

Who is the most known of the sons that were living at this time?—See 1 Chron. iii. 1—4.

Who is the most known of his sons that were born at Jerusalem?—1 Chron. iii. 5—8.

Chap. ix.

1. What did David inquire about?

Who was Saul?

Why did he wish to know this?

Who was Jonathan?

Why was David anxious to do this *for Jonathan's sake?*—See 2 Sam. i. 26.

Do you remember any thing that you have read about them?

What agreement had David and Jonathan made together?—See 1 Sam. xx. 14—16.

2. Whom did David ask about it?

3. What did Ziba tell him?

What was the matter with the young man?

How had he become lame?—See 2 Sam. iv. 4.

4. Where was he?

5. What did the king do?

6. What was the young man's name?

* See Biblical Antiquities, published by American Sunday-school Union, vol. i. p. 249.

† See Biblical Antiquities, vol. i. p. 248.

7. What did David say to him?
What did he promise to do for him?

8. What did Mephibosheth say?
What is the meaning of this expression?
Do you remember on what occasion David had used the same expression?—See 1 Sam. xxiv. 14
What relation was Mephibosheth to Saul?
How old was he when his father and grandfather died?—See 2 Sam. iv. 4.

9, 10. What directions did David give to Ziba?

11—13. Were these things done?

What lesson may we learn from this chapter about our duty to the poor and helpless?
Should men wait to be called upon before they will show any charity?
How did David act in this respect?
How should we feel towards those who are lame, or blind, or poor, or have any other affliction?
How should we feel towards God when we see such persons?
What did Solomon say honours the Lord?—Prov. xiv. 31.
Do children often receive kindness for their parents' sake?
Do they ever suffer in consequence of their parents' bad conduct?
For whose sake ought we to be kind to poor Christians?—Mark ix. 41.
What is one of the reasons why we should love God?—1 John iv. 19.
How did God show His love? 1 John iv. 9.

LESSON XVII.

[David, wishing to marry Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, took her to himself. Uriah was then with David's army, besieging a town of the Ammonites, and David sent word that he should be placed where the battle was the most fierce, so that he might be killed. This was done, and Uriah died. Soon after he heard of his death, David married Bathsheba.]

Questions on the above.

What did David wish to do?
Where was Bathsheba's husband?
Was David married before this?
How did David act?
How many commandments did David break?—See Ex. xx. 13, 14. 17.
Can any excuse be made for David's sins?
What should we learn from these instances of his sinfulness?—1 Cor. x. 11, 12.

2 Samuel, chap. xii. 1—10. 14—23.

1. How did the Lord reprove David for his sin?

Who was Nathan?—See chap. vii.
What is that called which Nathan told to David?—(Parable.)
What is the use of parables?
Who spoke often in this manner?—See Matt. xiii. 34.
What was the object of the Lord in sending Nathan to speak this parable to David?

How does it begin?

Who is intended by the *rich* man?
Who is intended by the *poor* man?

2. How is the greatness of David spoken of?

3. How is Uriah spoken of?
What is meant by this?

4. What was meant by this part of the parable?

5. What effect had the parable on David?
Did he know it was a parable?

5, 6. What did he say?
How did this condemn himself?

7. What did Nathan then say?
What did he mean by *the man?*—See ver. 5.
What was the Lord's message to him?

8. What more had the Lord done for David?

9. What did he charge David with?
How had David killed Uriah?
Who were the *children of Ammon?*
Are men as guilty of the sins which they cause others to commit as if they committed them themselves?
Why?

10. What was to be part of David's punishment?
What is meant by that?
Can you tell of any instances in which this was fulfilled?—See 2 Sam. xiii. 28, 29; xviii. 14, 15. 1 Kings ii. 24, 25.

Verses 14—23.

14. What was one of the effects of David's sin?

What is blasphemy?
How did David give occasion for blasphemy?
Are the sins of Christians the fault of religion?
Who alone are to be blamed for them?
What was David to suffer on this account?
What effect could this have on the *enemies of the Lord?*

15—23. Give an account of the child's death, and of what David did.

What did David confess to Nathan?—See ver. 13.
What did he write on this occasion?—Ps. li.
How does he there acknowledge his sin to God?—Ps. li. 3, 4.
What does he pray for?—Ps. li. 1. 9.
Did his sins give him distress?—Ps. li. 8.
Does he seem to acknowledge that God might justly forsake him?—Ps. li. 11.
Did he confess his sins?—Ps. li. 3.
Did he depend on any atonement he could make for himself?—Ps. li. 16.
What was the state of his own heart?—Ps. li. 17.
Did he pray for pardon only?—Ps. li. 10.
Did he expect to be kept by his own strength?—Ps. li. 12.
If God should pardon and strengthen him, what did he resolve to do?—Ps. li. 13.
What do you learn from this psalm of the way in which every sinner must return to God?
What is necessary to be remembered all the time?—See John xiv. 6.

LESSON XVIII.

2 Samuel, chap. xiii. 37—39; xiv. 21. 24. 28—33? xv. 1—6. 10. 12. 14. 23—30.

37. Who is spoken of in this verse?
Who was Absalom?

Who was his mother?—See 2 Sam. iii. 3.

What did Absalom do?

Who was Talmai?—See 2 Sam. iii. 3.

What relation was he to Absalom?

What was the cause of his fleeing?—See ver. 28, 29.

What relation was Amnon to Absalom?—See 2 Sam. iii. 2, 3.

What was the punishment of murder?—Exod. xxi. 12

What threatening of the Lord was now fulfilled?—2 Sam. xii. 10.

How did this affect David?

For which son did he mourn?

Which do you think would give David most grief, the death of Amnon, or the wickedness of Absalom?

What does Solomon say of a bad son?—Prov. xix. 13; xvii. 25.

Is it not likely that David's own sins had encouraged Absalom in his bad conduct?

38. How long did Absalom stay in Geshur?

Where was Geshur?

39. What did David wish for?

Chap. xiv. 21.

21. Whom did he send for him?

Was Joab a murderer as well as Absalom?—See 2 Sam. iii. 27.

Verse 24.

24. How did David treat him?

Verses 28—33.

28. How long did this last?

What was the reason of this?

29. How did Absalom try to get the favour of David again?
How did Joab act?

30. What wickedness did Absalom commit to make Joab do as he wished?

31. What did Joab do?

32. What did Absalom reply?
What was his meaning?

33. What did Joab do?
What did Absalom do?
How did David act?
Had David any reason to believe that Absalom had repented of his sins?
What was his duty as a king as well as a father to such an offender?

Chap. xv. 1—6.

1. What did Absalom do next?
What was his object in this show?

2. What else did he do?
What is meant by *the way of the gate?**

3. What did he say to the people?
Is it likely that this was true?

4. What did he add?

5. How else did he please the people?
What is *obeisance?*
What was his object in all this?

6. What was the effect?

* See "Gate," Bible Dictionary of American Sunday-school Union, or Biblical Antiquities, vol. i. p. 72.

What is meant by his *stealing their hearts ?*
What does Solomon say of such a man as Absalom ? —Prov. xxvi. 24—26.

Verse 10.

10. What did Absalom do next?
Where was Hebron ?

Verse 12.

12. Did many join in this conspiracy ?

Verse 14.

14. What effect had it on David ?
What was he afraid of ?

Verses 23—30.

23. Where did he go ?
Who were with David ?
Where was this brook ?
Do you remember on what occasion Jesus passed over the same stream ?—John xviii. 1—3.
In which direction did they go ?
What wilderness ?

24. What were they going to take with them ?

25. What did David tell the priest to do ?
What reason did he give for this ?
What *habitation* is meant here ?—See 2 Sam. vii. 2.
Why was it not proper to remove the ark ?—See Ps. cxxxii. 13, 14.

26. What more did he say ?
What kind of feeling does this show ?
How does it show his sense of guilt ?
How does it show his submission ?

27. What did David ask the priest ?

What is a seer?
What did he tell him to do?

28. Where did David determine to stay?
What was he to wait for there?
What is the meaning of *certify?*
What was the priest to certify to him?—See ver. 35, 36.

29. Was this done?

30. Where did David go?
Where was this mountain?
What did David do when he ascended the mountain?—See ver. 32.
Do you remember some of the scenes in the Saviour's life at this mountain?—See Luke xix. 28—38; xxi. 37.
What were the most remarkable of those scenes?—See Luke xxii. 39—47. Acts i. 2. 12.
How did David express his sorrow?
How does this show his repentance?
For whose sins did he mourn?
How did Christ suffer in this place?—Luke xxii. 44.
For whose sins did *He* suffer this?
How did the people act?
What was the principal cause of their distress?

What may we learn from this lesson of the consequences of sin?
What does it teach us about God's threatenings against sinners?
How must all sinners imitate David if they would hope for the mercy of God?—See ver. 26. 30.
What warning should the young take from the conduct of Absalom?
Was not David in this manner severely punished for his sin respecting Absalom's mother?

LESSON XIX.

2 Samuel, xvi. 1—8. 10—12.

WHAT was David's situation in the last lesson?

1. Who met David?

Where did he meet him?

On what hill?

What had he with him?

2. What were these things for?

3. Whom did David ask for?

What did Ziba answer?

What was the meaning of this answer?

Who was the father of Mephibosheth?

Was this account of Ziba's true?—See 2 Sam. xix. 24—27.

What was Ziba's object in telling this falsehood?

What made his conduct cruel as well as unfaithful?—2 Sam. ix. 3, last clause.

4. How did Ziba succeed in his object?

What did David do when he afterwards heard the truth?—See 2 Sam. xix. 29.

5—8. What next happened to David?

What sins did Shimei commit in acting in this manner?

What law did he break?—Ex. xxii. 28.

What is the sin of cursing?

What is generally its punishment?—Ps. cix. 17.

Who alone has the power to curse?—Num. xxiii. 8.

What is meant when it is said that God curses any one?

What did Shimei do besides cursing David?

What made Shimei's conduct more painful ?—Ps. lxix 26.

Have we any right to treat badly those whom God punishes ?

What may we learn from comparing the situation of David as described in these verses with 2 Sam. v. 10 ?

Verses 10—12.

10. How did David bear this treatment ?

Did he mean that the Lord had directed Shimei to act as he did ?

How can you explain this ?—Comp. Gen. l. 20. Acts ii. 23.

How did David show his sense of his own guilt in his conduct at this time ?

How is it likely that he felt ?—Ps. li. 3.

11. What more did the king say ?

To whom did he allude ?

What made the behaviour of Absalom worse than Shimei's ?

What did he direct to be done as to Shimei ?

How much further does the gospel require us to go ?—Matt. v. 44.

What prayer should we offer for such persons ?

Do you know what Shimei did when David returned to Jerusalem ?—See ch. xix. 16—23.

12. What was David's hope ?

What is meant by the Lord *looking on his affliction ?*

How may we suppose he prayed at this time ?—Ps. xxv.

What is meant by the Lord *requiting good ?*

What is the effect of affliction on pious persons ?—Ps. cxix. 67. Heb. xii. 10, 11.

Can you tell me *how* it has this effect ?

If the Lord punished king David so severely for his sins, what may all sinners expect ?

What makes persons at this day deserving of more punishment than David if they sin?
What has Jesus Christ said?—John xii. 46. 48.

LESSON XX.

Where was David, and what was his condition in the last lesson?
What was the cause of his leaving Jerusalem?

2 Samuel, xvi. 15; xvii. 1—4. 7. 14. 17—24. 26; xviii. 1. 3—5.

15. What did Absalom do?
From what place did he come?—See ch. xv. 9, 10.
Who was with him?
Who was he?—See 2 Sam. xv. 12.
How had David esteemed him?—2 Sam. xvi. 23.
How came Ahithophel to be with Absalom?—2 Sam. xv. 12. 31.

Chap. xvii. 1—4.

1. What did Ahithophel propose?
2. What did he say he would do?
How did he wish to treat David?
3. What else did he promise to do?
Whom does he mean by *the man that thou seekest?*
What is meant by that sentence?
4. How did Absalom like this proposal?
What was unnatural and dreadful in this?
Which of the characters mentioned in 1 Tim. i. 9, would apply to Absalom?
How did the elders of Israel act?
How can this be accounted for?

Verse 7.

7. Why was not the advice of Ahithophel followed?

Who was Hushai?—See 2 Sam. xv. 37.
Can you tell what he was sent to Hebron for?—See 2 Sam. xv. 34—36.
What was Hushai's advice?—ch. xvii. 11—13.
What did he mean by giving such advice?—Comp. ch. xvii. 15, 16.

Verse 14.

14. What did Absalom determine on?
What is it said that the Lord had done?
Why is Ahithophel's counsel called *good?*
For whom was it good?
What was the intention of the Lord in this?
What is meant by *bringing evil* on Absalom
What may we learn from this?—See Prov. xix. 21. Isa. viii. 10. Job v. 12, 13.

Verses 17—24.

17—21. Can you tell what happened to the messengers that Hushai sent to David?
What sin did the woman in Bahurim commit?
Is it right to tell a falsehood in any case?
22. How did David escape?
23. What became of Ahithophel?
What was *his city?*—ch. xv. 12.
Why did he hang himself?
What is the name of the sin he committed?
Why is it a sin to take one's own life?
What is the danger of the soul of such a man?
What should be done in times of disappointment and distress?—Ps. lv. 22.
What else may we learn from the death of Ahithophel? See Ps. lv. 23.

What other verses of that psalm may apply to Ahithophel?—See ver. 12—14. 21.

24. Where did David go?

Where was Mahanaim?

About how far from Jerusalem?

On which side of the river Jordan?

How did this place get its name?—See Gen. xxxii. 1, 2.

What did Absalom then do?

Verse 26.

26. Where did he encamp?

Where was the land of Gilead?

Was Mahanaim in Gilead?

Who are meant here by *Israel?*

Chap. xviii. 1.

Could David now avoid a battle?

1. How did he prepare for it?

Verses 3—5.

3. Why did not David go with his army?

4. Where did he remain?

What psalm is appropriate to this occasion?—See Ps. xx. 5—9.

5. What direction did he give about Absalom?

What was meant by this?

To whom did he give this direction?

Who were these three men?—See ver. 2.

Did they alone hear it?

Did Absalom deserve this kindness?

Why did David send his army against Absalom if he did not wish him to be hurt?

What is there in the conduct of sinners towards God that is like the behaviour of Absalom to his father?

What claim has God to our love and obedience as our king and our father?

What may the Lord say to sinners in this respect?—See Mal. i. 6.

What is there in the forbearance of David towards Absalom that is like the conduct of God towards sinners?—See Ps. lxxxvi. 15, and ciii. 10. 13.

Is the long-suffering of God any proof that he will not punish impenitent sinners?

What texts can you find on this subject?—See Nahum i. 3. Prov. i. 24—29. Ps. vii. 12. Luke xiii. 5.

LESSON XXI.

What was the situation of David in the last lesson?

What was he going to do?

Who forced him to the battle?

What was his charge to his generals about Absalom?

2 Samuel, xviii. 6—15. 17.

6. Who went out to battle?

Which party is meant by the *people*, and which by *Israel?*

Where was the battle fought?

On which side of the Jordan was the tribe of Ephraim?

On which side does the battle seem to have been fought?—See ch. xvii. 24. 26.

7. Which party had the victory?

How many were killed?

8. What was the cause of such slaughter?

What is meant by the *wood devouring* many?

9. What happened to Absalom?

What was he riding on?

Was that animal much used for riding?

How was Absalom caught in the tree?

Does the account say that he was caught by his hair?
What was remarkable about his hair?—See ch. xiv. 26

How was he left?

Was he dead?

10. How did it become known?

Who was Joab?

11. What did Joab say?

Is *shekel* the name of a weight or a coin?
How much was a shekel of silver?
Is it likely that the giving of a *girdle* signified some rank in the army?—See Isa. xxii. 21.

12. What did the man answer?

What proof of the man's fidelity does this give?
How should Joab have felt this as a reproof of himself?

13. What more did the man say?

How would his killing of Absalom *have wrought falsehood?*—Comp. Ps. cxix. 104. 128.

How would it have been *against* his *own life?*

Should any reward tempt us to disobedience?
Why not?
Suppose that by telling a falsehood, or committing any other sin, we should gain a great deal of money, would that make the sin less?
Why not?
Would it make the sin greater?
How?

14. What did Joab say?

What did he mean?

What did he do?

What are *darts?*

15. What was then done?

Verse 17.

17. What was done with Absalom's body?
Why did the people heap stones on him?
For what honourable purposes were heaps of stones sometimes raised?—See Gen. xxxi. 44—52. Josh. iv. 5—7.
How did they sometimes serve as marks of disgrace and warnings?—See Josh. vii. 25, 26; viii. 29.
What may we learn from the fate of Absalom?
What was his character?
What was his character as a son?
What might he be called in the words of the Jewish law?—Deut. xxi. 18.
What did the Jews say of such a son?—Deut. xxvii. 16.
What is the fifth commandment?
What is the promise in that commandment?
What does the apostle Paul say of it?—Eph. vi. 1—3.
Can you tell the meaning of the verse in Proverbs xxx. 17?—Comp. 1 Sam. xvii. 44. Jer. vii. 33, &c.
Why is this likely to happen?
Did Absalom expect to die such a death?
What shows that he did not?—See ver. 18.
Do you suppose that when Absalom began to disobey his father, he thought it would bring him to such an end?
What then is the safest way for a child to act?
Suppose a child has parents who teach him to do wrong, or do not correct him, will that excuse his sins?
Is it enough if children love and obey their *parents* only?
What stronger reason is there for loving and obeying God?
How much should God be loved?—Matt. xxii. 37.
How is it known if a child loves its parents?

How is it known when a person loves God?—John xiv. 21.
Who said that?
Have *you* done this?
How has God shown his love?—See Rom. v. 8. 1 John iv. 9, 10.
Does this mean that God will love sinners if they continue to sin?
What promise may be applied to such as will fo[illegible]e sin and believe in Jesus Christ?-[illegible] Cor. vi. 1[illegible].

LESSON XXII.

2 Samuel, chap. xviii. 24—29. 32, 33; xix. 2—8. 15.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
How long has Absalom been dead?
How long had the world been created when he died?—[2981.]
How many years was it before the birth of the Saviour?—[1023.]

24. Where was David during the battle?
In what city was he?—See chap. xvii. 24.
Why had not David gone to the battle?
How did David learn what was going on?
How were the fortified cities generally walled?*

25, 26. What shows that David was very anxious to hear from the battle?

27. Who was the first messenger that arrived?
Who was he?—See chap. xv. 35, 36.
What did David say of him?
What was his office as son of Zadok?

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, published by the American Sunday-school Union, vol. i. p. 274.

Why did David think he brought good tidings?

28. What did Ahimaaz say and do?

What did he mean?

To whom did he ascribe the victory?

29. What was David's first question?

Did Ahimaaz answer this question, or did he evade it?

Verses 32, 33.

32. What did David ask when the other messenger came?

What did Cushi answer?

What was the meaning of that expression?

33. What effect had this news on the king?

What is meant by his being *much moved?*

Where did he go?

What place is meant?*

What did David do?

What did he exclaim?

What did he mean by saying *would God I had died for thee?*

How had David behaved when his infant child died? —See 2 Sam. chap. xii. 21—23.

Is it sinful to show grief for our deceased friends?

May we not grieve for their loss without complaining against God?

What was the greatest reason that David had for grief? —See Ps. xciv. 23.

What is the great difference in the deaths of the wicked and the righteous?—See Prov. xiv. 32.

Chap. xix. 2—8. 15.

2, 3. What effect had the news of David's grief on the people?

* See reference on verse 24.

Why did they act in this manner?
What reason had they to fear David?
Who had disobeyed his command respecting Absalom?

4. What did the king still do?

How does David speak of such affliction in one of his psalms?—See Ps. cxix. 75.
What is better than lamentation when we are afflicted?—See James v. 13.

5, 6. How did Joab reason with David?

Explain his meaning.

7. What did Joab advise him to do?

What did he say would happen if he did not?
How would it be *worse for him* than any thing else if he would not do so?
What would the people be likely to do if David did not soon appear as their king?

8. What did the king do?

Why did he sit in the gate?*

What did the people do?

Who are meant here by *the people*, and who by *Israel?*
When and how did the distinction between Judah and Israel begin to be made?—See chap. ii. 4; v. 5

Where had Absalom's party gone?

Verse 15.

15. What did the king do?

LESSON XXIII.

2 Samuel, chap. xix. 16—20. 23—27. 29. 31—40.

Where was David in the last lesson?

16. Who met him on his return to Jerusalem?

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, vol. i. p. 72.

What had he done when David passed through Bahurim?

17. Who also came to meet him?

What reason had he to fear David?—See ver. 24—27.

18. What did Shimei do?

19. What did he say?

20. What did he confess?

Why is it proper to acknowledge our faults to those we have injured?

How is it that when we injure a fellow-being we sin against God?

What should be the confession of those who truly repent?—See Luke xv. 21.

Verse 23.

23. How did David act?

Why did he not punish Shimei at that time?—See ver. 22.

When did he order him to be punished?—See 1 Kings ii. 1. 8.

How was he punished?—See 1 Kings ii. 36—46.

What is the Christian rule of forgiveness?—See Matt. xviii. 21, 22.

24. Who else met David?

What had he not done?

What is meant by this?

25. What did the king ask him?

As Mephibosheth was lame, on what account, probably, did David ask this question?—See ch. xvi. 3.

26. What did he answer?

Who was his servant?

27. What did he charge Ziba with?

What is slander?

In what does the sin of slander consist?
In what commandment is it forbidden?
How had Ziba *slandered* Mephibosheth?
What does David promise in one of his psalms?—See Ps. ci. 5.
What had he done when Ziba had told him the falsehood about Mephibosheth?—See ch. xvi. 4.

Verse 29.

29. What did he now do?

Verses 31—40.

31. Who else met David?

32. How old was he?
What had he done for David?
Where is an account of this?—ch. xvii. 27—29.

33. What did David offer to Barzillai?
Why should we always remember the kindnesse which we have received?
Why should we forget all the injuries we have received?

34. What did Barzillai answer to the king?
What did he mean?

35. What did he say of his age?
How did he speak of the effects of age?
What did he mean by *good* and *evil?*
What did David in one of his psalms say about this age?—Ps. xc. 10.
What was David's prayer?—Ps. lxxi. 9.
Do you remember how Solomon speaks of old age?—See Eccl. xii. 2—7.
Should we ever think the care of the aged a *burden?*
How should the aged always be treated?

36. What did Barzillai say he would do?

37. What did he wish to do then?

Who did he say might go in his place?

38. Did David agree to this?

What did he promise to do?

What proof is there that David performed this promise to Barzillai?—See 1 Kings ii. 7.

Where does he seem to have placed Chimham?—See Jer. xli. 17.

39. When did David part from Barzillai?

How did he show his affection for him?

What is meant by David's *blessing* him?

What is the difference in the meaning of the word when spoken of God and spoken of man?—Comp. Num. vi. 23 and 24.

Where did Barzillai go?

What was his place?—See ver. 31.

40. Where did the king arrive?

Where was Gilgal?

How many of the people were with him

How many men were in the tribe of Judah about this time?—See ch. xxiv. 9.

How many men were in the rest of Israel?—ch. xxiv. 9.

May not those only be meant who are mentioned in ver. 15 and 17?

Where did they conduct David?

Whose entry into Jerusalem do we read of in the New Testament?

Can you tell where it is related?

What prophecy was then fulfilled?

Where is it written?—Zech. ix. 9.

In what sense was Christ the king of Jerusalem?

What is said in the same prophecy of the dominion of Christ?—Zech. ix. 10.

What is meant by this?
What is said of the length of Christ's reign?—Heb i. 8.
What is it our duty to pray for? Matt. vi. 10. See
What is it our duty to *do* in
old him the false
LESSON ch. xvi. 4.

2 Samuel, chap. xxii.

1. What is conta o?
When did David rec
To what time does this se refer?—See 2 Sam. vii. 1.
Is it certain when it was written?
Which of the psalms contains it?
Is there any difference between the song as written in this book and in the psalms?
May he not have altered it after it was first written?

2. How does the song or hymn begin?
Why did he call the Lord his *rock?*
Who is called a rock in the New Testament?—1 Cor. x. 4.
Why did David call the Lord *fortress?*
Why did he call him his *deliverer?*
Can you tell in what sense Christ may be spoken of by these names?

3. How else does David praise God?
Why is the Lord called the *horn* of his *salvation?*
When and by whom was this name applied to Christ?—Luke i. 69.

Verse 7.

7. How had David obtained the help of God?
Is there the same encouragement to prayer now?

Should we only pray to the Lord in *distress?*
What is the apostle's direction?—1 Thess. v. 17.
What is meant by that?

Who did he say m[illegible]erse 18.

38. Did David ag[illegible] Lord answer David's

What did he pro[illegible]

What proof is there that [illegible]e great deliverances which to Barzillai?—See 1 Ki[illegible]

Where does he seem to hav[illegible]is piety?
Jer. xli. 17. [illegible]o fear?—1 Pet. v. 8.
[illegible] passage?
How must such e[illegible] met?—Eph. vi. 11.
What does the apostle m[illegible] when he speaks of *putting on armour?*
What is the armour?—Eph. vi. 14—17.
What else must be done?—Eph. vi. 18.

Chap. xxiii. 1—7.

1. What are recorded in the beginning of this chapter?

Did not David live some time after this?
In what sense then are these his *last words?*

By what title i[illegible]e first called?

What was David wh[illegible] known only as the son of Jesse?—See 2 Sam. vii. 8.

What is he called next?

How was he now *raised up on high?*

How else is he named?

In what sense was he the *anointed* of God?

What is the other title here given him?

What is a *psalmist?*
Why is he called the psalmist *of Israel?*
Did he write all the psalms?
Are the psalms nothing more than sacred songs?—See Luke xxiv. 44.

Are they ever quoted in the New Testament as containing prophecies?—See Acts i. 16. 20; ii. 25—31.
Do you remember how the Lord Jesus himself quoted them?—Luke xx. 41—44.
What is Christ called in that passage?
How was he the *son of David?*—Rom. i. 3, 4.
How was he David's *Lord?*

2. What did David say?

Who is meant by the *Spirit* of the Lord?
Does this apply to the psalms which David wrote?
What other proof is there that David wrote under the influence of the Spirit?—See Mark xii. 35, 36. Acts ii. 29—31. Heb. iii. 7—11, compared with Ps. xcv. 7—11.

3. How does he here call the Spirit?

What had the Lord said?

What is meant by ruling *in the fear of God?*
To whom did this apply?
Was this David's character?
How can you prove it by his life?

4. What will such rulers be like?

Can you explain these comparisons?
What did David say of Solomon?—Ps. lxxii. 6. 16.

5. What did David say of his house?

What is meant by this expression?

What did he trust in?

What is meant by God's *covenant* with David?—See 2 Sam. vii. 16.
What was the most important thing in this covenant?—See Isa. ix. 6, 7.
When was this fulfilled?—See Luke i. 32. 33.
What is the atonement of the Lord Jesus called?—See Heb. xiii. 20.
What invitation and promise does Isaiah give?—See Isa. lv. 3.

How was the Lord's covenant with David *all his salvation?*

How does this apply to Christ!—Acts iv. 12.

What else does he say of it?

If David felt this confidence in God, how ought you to feel who live in these days?

If his faith was so strong in God's promises, what ought your faith in Christ to be now that the Saviour has come?

What is the Christian's faith now?—1 Pet. i. 8.

6, 7. What is said in the rest of these words of David?

Who are meant here?

How does this apply to impenitent sinners?

Did the Saviour ever say any thing like this?—Matt. xiii. 40—42. John xv. 6.

What will be the fate of those who do not receive Christ as their Saviour?—2 Thess. i. 8, 9.

LESSON XXV.

2 Samuel, chap. xxiv. 1—4. 8—18. 25.

1. What is related in this verse?

How is this explained in the Chronicles?—1 Chron. xxi. 1.

Is it known why this provoked the Lord's anger

What proof is there that David and the people knew it was sinful?—See ver. 10, and 1 Chron. xxi. 3.

2. What orders did David give?

3. What did Joab say?

What is the meaning of that?

4. Did David regard Joab's advice?

What was done?

Verses 8—18.

8. How long were they in numbering the people?

9. What was the number of men in the tribe of Judah?

What was the number of men in the rest of the tribes?

What sort of men only were in this account?

What are the numbers as given in the Chronicles?—See 1 Chron. xxi. 5.

Can the difference be explained?

Did Joab number all the tribes?—1 Chron. xxi. 6.

May not the account in Chronicles include the 288,000 of the regular army mentioned in 1 Chron. xxvii. 1—15?

10. How did David feel when it was done?

What is meant by his *heart smote him?*

How did he confess his sin?

Had he not time to think of this before?

Is there danger of men's repenting too late for their sins?—See Prov. i. 28—31; xxix. 1.

What did David pray for?

Should men go on to sin, expecting that God will pardon them afterwards?

11. Who was sent to the king?

Where is he first mentioned by name?—1 Sam. xxii. 5.

What was he?

What is meant by that?

What writings of his are mentioned?—See 1 Chron. xxix. 29.

12. What did the Lord tell the seer to do?

13. What were the punishments from which David was to choose?

How is this stated in the Chronicles?—1 Chron. xxi. 12.

What is *famine?*

Had there lately been one in Israel?—See chap xxi. 1.

What is a *pestilence?*

14. What did David say?

What is meant by his being in *a great strait?*

What did he choose?

Which of the punishments did he escape by this choice?

Why did he choose famine or pestilence rather than war?

15. What then took place?

How long did it last?

How many died?

Were they all in one place?

16. What happened at Jerusalem?

Did no persons die there?—See 1 Chron. xxi. 15.

In what sense is the Lord said to have stopped the pestilence because he *repented of the evil?*

By whom was this pestilence brought?

What is an angel?

Were angels often seen in the times of the patriarchs?—See Gen. xvi. 7; xix. 1, &c.

When were the last times that an angel is mentioned in the Bible as having been seen on the earth?—See Acts xii. 7—10; xxvii. 23.

Where was the angel seen ?

What were the threshing-floors of the Jews ?*

By what name is Araunah called in the Chronicles ?—See 1 Chron. xxi. 15.

Where was this threshing-floor ?—See 2 Chron. iii. 1

What was afterwards built on that spot ?

How did the angel appear when David first saw him ?—See 1 Chron. xxi. 16.

What did David and the elders then do ?—1 Chron. xxi. 16.

17. What did David say ?

How is this told in Chronicles ?—1 Chron. xxi. 17.

What did he confess ?

What did he call the people ?

Why did he call them so ?

On whom did he pray that the punishment might fall ?

What does this remind you of ?—See John x. 11.

What was the great difference in this respect between the characters of David and of Jesus ?—2 Cor. v. 21.

Was David's sin the only cause of this punishment ?—See ver. 1.

Were they then all justly punished ?—See Neh. ix. 33—35.

18. What answer did the Lord make to David's prayer ?

Verse 25.

25. What did David do ?

What did the Lord do ?

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, published by the Ameri Sunday-school Union, vol. i. p. 91

What does the passage in this lesson teach us of the hatred of God towards sin?

If we admire the conduct of David in offering himself to be punished for his own sin, instead of the people, how ought we to feel towards Jesus Christ?—See Rom. v. 6—8.

David built an altar, and "offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings"—how can you imitate his example in avoiding the punishment of your sins?—Heb. x. 19—22.

LESSON XXVI.

1 Chronicles, chap. xxii. 1. 5. 2—4. 6—19.

WHERE was David in the last lesson?

What had he done there?

1. What did he say about the place?

What did he refer to?

Was the temple built there?—See 2 Chron. iii. 1.

Why is the temple called *the house of the Lord God?*

Verse 5.

5. What did David intend to do?

Why did he not build the temple himself?

What kind of building did he wish it to be?

Verses 2—4.

2—4. What preparations did the king make?

Who brought the cedar-wood?

Where were Tyre and Zidon?

Where was the principal forest of cedars?

Verses 6—19.

6. What then did David do?

7. What did he say to him?

8. How had he been prevented?

Why was this a good reason for his not building the temple?—And comp. 1 Kings v. 3.

9. Who was to do it?

What was his character?

What is the English of the Hebrew word *Solomon?*

What was predicted about the state of the nation in Solomon's time?

Was this fulfilled?—See 1 Kings iv. 24, 25.

10. What were the Lord's promises to Solomon?

When and how had they been told to David?—See 2 Sam. vii. 4, 5. 12—14.

How may these promises refer to the Messiah as well as to Solomon?

Where is one of them applied to Christ?—See Heb. i. 5.

11. What did David desire for Solomon?

12. What did he desire that the Lord might give him?

What is the difference between *wisdom* and *understanding?*

Did the Lord give Solomon these?—See 1 Kings iv. 29.

Why did David desire this for Solomon?

What did Solomon himself recommend?—Prov. iii. 5—7.

If men obey the commandments of the Lord, how does it prove that they are wise?—See Deut. iv. 5—8.

How may true wisdom be obtained by us?—James i 5.

13. What would be the consequence if Solomon obeyed God?

What statutes and judgments are meant?

How did the Lord direct Joshua to do this?—Josh. i. 8.

What was David's advice to Solomon?

How was he to show this strength and courage?—See Josh. i. 7.

What good reason had he for being courageous?—See Josh. i. 9.

How have you the same encouragement?

14. How much had David prepared for the temple?

How much is a talent of gold?

How much is a talent of silver?

15, 16. What else was ready?

17. Whom did David command to help Solomon?

18. What did he say to them?

19. What did he beg them to do first of all?

What is meant by this?

Why should this be done before they commenced building the house?

Is it because God is distant that sinners have to *seek* him?—See Acts xvii. 27, 28.

What is the reason?—See Isa. lix. 2.

How must God be sought by sinners if he will be found?—John xiv. 6; iii. 16.

If persons are very anxious to obtain any thing, how do they show their anxiety?

Do they not think about it, and try to get help, and use every means to get it?

Now is there any thing that is of so much importance as the salvation of your soul?

Why not?

If it is in danger of being sinful for ever, and punished for ever, how should you feel?

How then should you show your anxiety to be saved if you felt this danger?

How will God be sought if men are in earnest?—See Deut. iv. 29.

How did David seek the Lord?—Ps. cxix. 145—148.

What greater encouragements have you than he had?—See Acts v. 30, 31. John xvi. 24. Heb. vii. 25.

LESSON XXVII.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

What had David commanded the princes of Israel?

What is the next book to the books of Samuel?

[The books of Kings are a continuation of the history in the books of Samuel. It is not certain by whom they were written. The first book contains the history of about 120 years, beginning from the year of the world 2989, which was the 1015th year before Christ. The second book contains the history of about three hundred years.

Much of the history in the books of Samuel and of Kings is also found in the two books of *Chronicles*. These books were probably made from the public records which were kept of the principal events that took place; and their history extends to the time when the Jews were taken captive to Babylon, about 580 years before Christ.]

What do the books of Kings contain?

Who wrote them?

How many years' history is in the first book?

How long ago were the times that are spoken of?

How many years' history is in the second book?

In what other books are some part of this history found?
What is the meaning of *Chronicles?*

1 Kings i. 5. 15. 18. 20, 21. 32—34. 38—40. 50—53.
1 Chron. xxiii. 1—6.

5. What took place in David's old age?
Who was the mother of Adonijah?
Who was his father?
Where was he born?—See 2 Sam. iii. 2. 4.
What did he wish to be?
What other son of David had acted in the same manner?—See 2 Sam. xv. 1.

Verse 15.

15. How did David hear of Adonijah's attempt?
What is said of his age?
As this was near the end of his life, how old must he have been?—See 2 Sam. v. 4.

Verse 18.

18. What did Bathsheba say to David?
Who was the son of David and Bathsheba?—See ver. 21.

Verses 20, 21.

20. What did Bathsheba want David to say?
21. What was she afraid of?

Verses 32—34.

32. What did David order to be done?
33. What did he tell them to do?
Where was Gihon?—See 2 Chron. xxxii. 30; xxxiii. 14.
34. What was then to be done?

How was Solomon to be proclaimed king?

Verses 38—40.

38. Were these directions observed?

39. How was Solomon anointed?

What tabernacle was this?—See 2 Sam. vi. 12. 17.

Where was the tabernacle of Moses at this time?—See 1 Chron. xxi. 29.

40. Were the people pleased?

What psalm is applicable to this time?—Ps. lxxii.

What is said in the last verse of that psalm?

Verses 50—53.

50. What did Adonijah do when he heard of these things?

What altar did he probably go to?—See 2 Sam. xxiv. 16. 25, or 1 Kings iii. 4.

What were the *horns* of the altar?*

Why did he do this?*

51. What was he afraid of?

What did he want Solomon to do?

52. What did Solomon say?

What did he mean by this?

53. What did Adonijah do?

What did Solomon say?

1 Chron. xxiii. 1—6.

1. How is David spoken of here?

What is meant by *full of days?*

2. What did he do?

Who were the *princes* of Israel?

What is the difference between *priests* and *Levites?*

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, vol. i. p. 39.

3. At what age were the Levites permitted to serve in the tabernacle?

How many were there at this time?

What change did David make as to the age of the Levites?—See ver. 27.

4. How were they divided?

What were the duties of each of these divisions?—See ver. 28—32, and Deut. xvi. 18; xvii. 9.

5. How else were they divided?

What was the duty of the *porters?*—See 1 Chron. ix. 23, 24.

What was the duty of the musicians?

What instruments were these?—See 2 Chron. xxix. 25.

6. How did David divide the Levites?

What is meant by their being divided into *courses?*

Where is the account of this division?—[1 Chron chap. xxiv. to chap. xxvii.]

Had the worship of God ever been so outwardly splendid before?

Do you suppose that David and the pious Israelites thought as much of the splendour of the worship as of the sincerity of their prayers and praises?

How do we know that David delighted in the spiritual worship of God?—See Ps. xlii. 2; lxxxiv. 2. 10.

What has the Lord said on this subject?—Isa. lxvi. 1, 2.

What did Christ say?—John iv. 24.

LESSON XXVIII.

1 Chronicles, chap. xxviii. 1—9.

What was done by David, according to the last lesson?

1. What next did he do?

2—6. Tell the substance of what David said in these verses?

7. On what condition did the Lord promise to establish the kingdom of Solomon?

What is meant by *if he be constant?*

Why is it important that we should be constant in obeying God?

What did Christ say to those who professed to believe on him?—John viii. 31.

What advice did Paul give to Timothy?—2 Tim. iii. 14, 15.

What is the consequence of neglecting this?—Heb. x. 38.

8. What did David exhort his great men to do?

What is meant by *keeping* and *seeking for* all God's commandments?

What does this teach *us* about the duty of reading the Bible?

If we have the Bible, and are able to read it, will it not be just in God to judge us according to the Bible?

What did David think of the Bible?—See Ps. cxix. 14. 103.

What advantage was it to him?—Ps. cxix. 99—105.

How often did he think of it?—Ps. cxix. 97.

What did he do besides reading and meditating on the word of God?—See Ps. cxix. 33—41.

What was the promise to the Israelites if they did this?

Is this the only blessing of studying and obeying the Scriptures?—See John v. 39, 40.

9. What advice did David give to Solomon?

What is meant by his *knowing* God?

What is meant by the God *of thy father?*

How did he exhort him to serve God?

How can men *serve* God?
What is *a perfect heart?*
What is *a willing mind?*
Why ought we to serve God in this manner?
Suppose a child should do what his father commands him, but should do it unwillingly, and with bad feelings towards his father, would that be true obedience?
And suppose a child should obey his father cheerfully and with pleasure, because he loved his father, would not that be true obedience?
Now can you suppose that God will think the person sincere in his obedience who serves him unwillingly, or with his heart set on something that he loves better?

What reason did David give?

What is meant by the Lord's *searching all hearts?*
What is meant by he *understandeth the imaginations of the thoughts?*
Can we not deceive God by pretending to be religious?
How does the Lord judge of men?—Jer. xvii. 10.
Had Jesus Christ the same power on earth?—John ii. 24, 25.
Why should men be judged by their *hearts?*—See Mark vii. 21—23. Rom. x. 10.

What did David say would be the case if Solomon should seek the Lord?

Why should we *seek* the Lord?
How should we do it?
Do you remember what we learned on this subject in lesson xxvi.?*
What did the Lord say by Azariah?—2 Chron. xv. 2.
How had David himself acted?—Ps. xxvii. 8.
How did the Lord say the Jews must seek him if they would find him?—Jer. xxix. 12, 13.
What is meant by *finding* God?

*See pages 83, 84.

Is the promise of the gospel the same to those who seek through Christ?—James iv. 8—10.
What did Christ himself say?—Matt. vii. 7, 8.
What did David say would be the consequence if Solomon should forsake the Lord?
What did Ezra say to king Artaxerxes?—Ezra viii. 22.
What does the prophet Isaiah say?—Isa. i. 28.
How can men *forsake* the Lord?
Can they escape from him?
How will such be *cast off* for ever?
Where will they be cast?
When will they be cast?
How long will they be cast off?
What is for ever?
Will *you* live *for ever?*
Can men repent or be forgiven in the next life?
How near do you think this eternity must be to us?
Who then ought to be alarmed this moment about their danger?

LESSON XXIX.

1 Chronicles, xxix. 5—28.

5. What had David prepared for building the temple?
What did he ask the people?
What is the meaning of *consecrate?*
What is meant by consecrating their *service?*
How was this done to the *Lord?*

6—8. How did they do it?
Can any of us consecrate our service to the Lord?
Mention some of the ways in which it can be done.
Can you tell why this is right and reasonable?

Why should the disciples of Christ consecrate all that they have to his service?

Can you find any texts on this subject?—See 1 Cor. vi. 20. 2 Cor. v. 15. James ii. 17. Rom. xiv. 8, &c.

9. With what feeling did they do it?

Why were they so glad to do this?

Why ought Christians to be glad of the privilege of doing any thing for Christ and the promotion of his gospel?

What kind of giving is the Lord pleased with?—See 2 Cor. ix. 7.

Suppose a person is not rich, how will God accept what he gives?—See 2 Cor. viii. 12.

Is the giving of money the only way by which we can serve God?

How may the poorest person be useful?

How may the youngest person be useful?

How did David feel?

10. What did he do?

What is meant by David's *blessing* the Lord?

Who are meant by the *congregation?*

What did he say?

If the word *father* here refers to God, how could he be called their father?

How was *Israel* their father?

11. What did David say was the Lord's?

What is meant by God's *greatness?*

What by his *glory?*

What by his *victory?*

What by his *majesty?*

What belong to God?

Why do they belong to God?

What else belong to him?

What is meant by *the kingdom?*

How is God *head above all?*

12. What things come from God?

Are we not then bound to use these things to the glory of God?

What are in God's hand?

What are *power* and *might?*

What is meant by their being in God's *hand?*

What are in God's power?

How then ought we to act towards God?

13. What did David say?

For what did they give thanks?

14. What is meant by the question in this verse?

Who had made them able to give so much to the temple?

Who had made them willing?

How are men influenced when they do right?—Phil. ii. 13.

To what duty does that truth encourage us?—Phil. ii. 12.

Why did the people deserve no praise for what they did?

Is this true of every thing that men can do?

What may every Christian say?—Luke xvii. 10.

15. What more did David say?

What is a *sojourner?*

How were the Israelites *strangers* and *sojourners?*

What does he compare life to?

How is life like a shadow?

What is meant by *there is none abiding?*

Are not some lives very long?

Is any life long when compared with eternity?

In what sense are all men strangers and sojourners on the earth?

Why ought Christians especially to feel that they are

only stopping for a little time in this world?—See Heb. xi. 14. 16.

16. What did David repeat?

17. What did he say of his feelings in doing this?

18. What did he pray for?

What is alluded to by the word *this?*

How are the hearts of men *prepared* to the Lord?

How did Samuel teach the Israelites to prepare their hearts?—1 Sam. vii. 3.

19. What did he ask for Solomon?

Why should parents desire such a blessing for their children more than riches?

What advice did David give to Solomon?—See 1 Kings ii. 2—4.

How does this apply to *you?*

20. What did the people do when David had finished his prayer?

What is meant by the word *worship* when it is applied to men?

21, 22. What then did they do?

23. What did Solomon now become?

24. Who acknowledged him as king?

25. How did the Lord bless him?

26, 27. How long did David reign?

28. How old was he when he died?—See 2 Sam. v. 4.

How is his death spoken of in the book of Kings?—1 Kings ii. 10.

Where was he buried?—1 Kings ii. 10.

How long after this was the place of his burial known?—See Acts ii. 29.

LESSON XXX.

1 Kings, ch. iii. 4—14. 2 Chronicles, ch. ii. 1—16; iii. 1—3. 6—8.

4. WHERE did Solomon go?
How far was Gibeon from Jerusalem?
Why did he go there?
What was at Gibeon at this time?—2 Chron. i. 3.

5. What took place at Gibeon?
What did the Lord say to Solomon?

6. What did Solomon answer?

7. What had the Lord done for him?
What does Solomon call himself?
What did he mean by that?
What did he not know?
What does this mean?
How does this show his humility?
How does it show his dependence on God?

8. What made him very anxious?

9. What did he pray for?

10. Was this a proper prayer?

11. Why was the Lord pleased?
Why was it pleasing to the Lord that Solomon asked for wisdom instead of long life or riches?

12. What did the Lord answer to Solomon's prayer?

13. What else did the Lord promise him?

14. What more did he promise him?
On what condition?

What books in the Bible did Solomon write which show that he was wise?
What is said of his knowledge?—1 Kings iv. 33.
What is said of his wisdom?—1 Kings iv. 30. 34.
How did he show his wisdom in deciding which was the mother of a child that two women claimed?—See 1 Kings iii. 24—27.
Did he intend that the child should be divided?
How did he show wisdom in this matter?
What was his prosperity?—1 Kings iv. 20, 21. 24, 25.
What was his wealth?—2 Chron. ix. 23—28.

2 Chron. ii. 1—16.

1. What did Solomon determine to do?
What were these houses for?
2. How many men did he employ?
3. To whom did he send?
What did he want from the king of Tyre?
4. What did he say he was going to do?
5, 6. What did he say of the temple?
What is the object of having places of worship?
What else did Solomon say to the king of Tyre?—See 1 Kings v. 3—5.
How is this king called in the book of Kings?—1 Kings v. 2.
7—9. What else did he ask of Hiram?
10. What payment did he offer?
11—16. What did Hiram reply?
How was the cedar brought from Tyre to Jerusalem?
On what sea were they brought?
Who had made preparations for the temple before this?

2 Chron. iii. 1—3.

1. Where was the temple built?

Where is mount Moriah?

2. In what year of Solomon's reign was it begun?

How many years was it since the Israelites had left Egypt?—1 Kings vi. 1.

How long did it take to build this temple?—1 Kings vi. 38.

3. What was the size of the temple?

Can you tell its size in feet?

What was it built of?—1 Kings vi. 7.

Verses 6—8.

6, 7. How was it adorned?

8. What is spoken of here?

What is meant by *the most holy house?*

What was the difference between this room and the rest of the temple?—Heb. ix. 6—8.

Was not this temple built on the same *plan* as the tabernacle of Moses?

Was this the same temple that the Saviour visited?

What was the great use of the temple?

What advantage have we above the Jews in this respect?—Heb. ix. 11. 24.

What are Christians called?—1 Cor. iii. 16.

How can they be said to be the *temples* of the Holy Ghost?

What is the Christian church called?—Eph. ii. 19—22.

In what sense is it called the temple of God?

Is God willing to give the blessing of his Spirit?—Luke xi. 13.

* For information on this and other subjects connected with the temple, the scholar may be recommended to read some short account, such as that in Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, Bible Dictionary, Selumiel, all published by the American Sunday-school Union.

Through whom and for whose sake is it given?
How is the influence of the Spirit seen?—John xvi. 13. Gal. v. 22, 23.

LESSON XXXI.

1 Kings, chap. viii. 1. 5, 6. 9—15. 22—30. 54—61.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
Where is the building and its furniture particularly described?—[1 Kings vi. vii. 2 Chron. iii. iv.]

1. When the temple was finished what did Solomon do?

How far was mount Zion from mount Moriah?

Verses 5, 6.

5. What was then done?

6. Where was the ark placed?

What were the cherubim?—See chap. vi. 23—28.

Verses 9—15.

9. What was in the ark?

What else were in it according to the New Testament?—Heb. ix. 4.
How are these accounts reconciled?
May not the manna and the rod have been in the tabernacle, but not in the ark?

10, 11. What then took place?

What is meant here by the *holy place?*—Heb. ix. 3.
What was the first apartment called?—Heb. ix. 2.
When had God signified his presence in this manner before?—Exod. xl. 34—38.
What were the Levites doing when this glory was seen in the temple?—2 Chron. v. 13.

12. How did Solomon know that the cloud signified God's presence?

What times may this refer to?—See Lev. xvi. 2. Ex xx. 21.

13. What did the king say?

14. What did he then do?

What is meant by his blessing them?

15. Whom did he then praise?

Verses 22—30.

22. After speaking of the building of the temple, what did Solomon do?

What did he stand on?—See 2 Chron. vi. 13.

23. How did he praise God?

How had the Lord kept his *covenant and mercy* with David and Solomon?

24. How was the Lord's promise fulfilled that day?

25, 26. What did he pray for as to the kingdom?

27. What did he say about the temple?

What is meant by *the heaven, and heaven of heavens?*

Did Solomon build the temple expecting that the Lord would live in it?

What is meant when God is said to be in a temple, or in a place of worship, or in the heart?

28—30. What do these verses show was Solomon's meaning?

Is it right to have a public place for the people of God to meet and worship?

Is it necessary to go to a place of worship in order that our prayers shall be heard?

Why not?

What is the direction of the apostle Paul?—Heb. x. 25

What place of prayer has God appointed besides the place of public worship ?—See Matt. vi. 6.

What is meant there by a *closet ?*

What else did Jesus say to his disciples ?—Matt. xviii. 20.

Can you mention some of the subjects on which Solomon thought the people would pray ?—See ver. 33. 35. 37, &c.

On what conditions only did he expect the Lord to answer prayer ?—See ver. 33. 35. 47, 48.

What may you learn from this is necessary if you would have your prayers answered ?

Was this a place of prayer for the Jews only ?—See ver. 41—43.

What did the Saviour say of the temple ?—Mark xi. 17

What is the duty of Christians towards "all people of the earth" who have not heard the gospel ?

Verses 54—61.

54, 55. After this prayer what did Solomon do ?

56. How did he bless them ?

57. What did he desire ?

58. In what way did he desire that the Lord would be with them ?

59. What did he pray for ?

60. What was his great object in this prayer ?

Why should we desire the glory of God more than our own happiness ?

How is God glorified by his being known to "all the people of the earth" ?

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61. If such answers to prayer are expected, what must be done?

What is the great confidence of Christians that their prayers will not be forgotten?—Heb. vii. 25. Rom. viii. 26, 27. 34.

How did the Lord show that he accepted Solomon's sacrifice and prayer?—2 Chron. vii. 1.

LESSON XXXII.

1 Kings, chap. vii. 1. 2. 8; ix. 1—9; x. 1; xi. 6—13. 42, 43.

1. What did Solomon build next? How long was he building it?

2. What else did he build?

Verse 8.

3. What other house did he build? Who was his wife?

Were most of the kings of Egypt called Pharaoh?

How long had Solomon been married?—See 1 Kings iii. 1.

What book is supposed to have been written on the occasion of his marriage?—[The Song of Solomon.]

Chap. ix. 1—9.

1. What had Solomon now finished?

2. What then took place?

How had the Lord appeared to him at Gibeon?—Chap. iii. 5.

3. What did the Lord say?

What prayer is here meant?

What is meant by *hallowing* the temple?

What did the Lord promise?

What is the meaning of this promise?

What else did the Lord promise?—See 2 Chron. vii. 13—15.

4. On what condition did the Lord promise to bless Solomon?

5. What would he then do for him?

6. What would prevent this blessing?

7. What should then take place?

Which did the people after this do,—keep the Lord's commandments, or break them?

Have the Jews any government now?

What has become of the temple?

Have the Jews become "a proverb and a by-word"?

Are they so "among all people"?

What then may we learn of the certainty of God's threatenings?

8. What would people ask when they saw the ruins of the temple?

9. What would be the reply?

1 Kings x. 1.

1. Who came to see Solomon?

Is it known where Sheba was?

What did the queen come for?

What did she say about his wisdom and riches?—ver 6, 7.

How did our Saviour allude to this queen?—Matt. xii. 42.

Can you tell in your own words something of the grandeur and wealth of Solomon as spoken of in the rest of this chapter?

What account has Solomon himself given of his prosperity?—See Eccl. ii. 4—10.

Would you not think all this would make him very happy?

Do you not think that if you were as great and rich as Solomon, you would be perfectly happy?

Suppose Solomon could tell you how he felt after he became so great, what do you think he would say?

Now look at Eccl. ii. 11, and you will find what he says.

Why was all his labour *vain?*

Could it make him live any longer?

Could he enjoy it many years?

What did he say on this subject?—Eccl. ii. 18—20.

If a man's heart is not happy, will wealth make him feel so?

What did Solomon say about this?—Eccl. iv. 6; v. 12.

What did he say about men never being satisfied with their riches?—Eccl. v. 10.

Can you tell what are some of the dangers of being rich and prosperous?

Are not men very apt to love their riches and pleasures so much as to forget God?

What did Jesus Christ say about such?—Mark x. 24.

We shall now see what bad effect they had on Solomon.

1 Kings xi. 6—13.

6. What is here said?

7, 8. What did he do?

What were Chemosh and Moloch?

Who had led Solomon into idolatry?—See ver. 1. 4.

9, 10. How did the Lord regard this?

11. What sentence did he pronounce on Solomon?

12. When was it to take place?

13. Were all the tribes to be taken from him?

How was he punished during his life?—See ver. 14. 23. 26.

How did Nehemiah afterwards caution the Jews from this sin of Solomon?—Neh. xiii. 26.

Verses 42, 43.

42. How long did Solomon reign?

43. What then took place?

What has he written about the end of the righteous and the wicked?—Eccl. viii. 12, 13.

What warning has he given to those in life?—Eccl. ix. 10.

What warning has he given to the young who will seek the pleasures of the world instead of God?—Eccl. xi. 9.

Do you not think that Solomon had experience and wisdom enough to know what is the best course?

Then read solemnly the 1st, 7th, 13th, and 14th verses of the last chapter of Ecclesiastes.

And now read what the apostle Paul says of those who obey not the gospel 2 Thess. i. 8—10.

LESSON XXXIII.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

In what year of the world did Solomon die?—[3029.]

How many years before the birth of Christ?—[975.]

Where did he die?

Who was king after him?—1 Kings xi. 43.

Who was the mother of Rehoboam?—1 Kings xiv. 21.

Are there any other sons of Solomon mentioned in the Bible?

How is his name called in the gospel of Matthew?—Matt. i. 7.

1 Kings, chap. xii. 1—33 ; xiii. 33, 34 ; xiv. 20.

1. Where did Rehoboam go ?

Where was Shechem ?

Why did he go there ?

How old was he at this time ?—1 Kings xiv. 21.

2. What is mentioned in this verse ?

Can you tell in your own words why Jeroboam had gone into Egypt ?—See ch. xi. 26—40.

3. What did the people do ?

4. What did they say Solomon had done ?

Is there any reason to believe that this was true ?

What did they ask Rehoboam to do ?

What did they promise to do if he would lighten their service ?

5. What did Rehoboam say ?

6. What then did he do ?

Why should we ask the advice of the aged ?

7. What did the old men answer ?

What was the meaning of their advice ?

8, 9. How did Rehoboam treat their advice ?

To whom did he then apply ?

10. What did they advise ?

What is meant by the last expression ?

1. What else did they advise him to say ?

Do you know what kind of whips were called *scorpions ?**

Is there any proof that Solomon ever treated his people cruelly ?

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, published by American unday-school Union, vol. i p 253.

12—14. Whose advice did Rehoboam take?

Did he not know that this advice was foolish and wicked?

What should every one do when he is advised to act wrong?

15. What saying of the Lord was fulfilled by this?

Where is that mentioned?—ch. xi. 29—39.

What had been there foretold by the prophet?—ch. xi 31.

Does this mean that the Lord *caused* Rehoboam to do this?—See James i. 13.

What had he neglected to do?—See James i. 5.

Was it not, then, just for God to leave him alone?

16. What happened then?

What did they mean by saying they had no portion nor inheritance *in David?*

What did they mean by going to their tents?—See 1 Kings xxii. 36.

17. Who remained with Rehoboam?

18. How did the rest of the tribes show their opposition to Rehoboam?

19. What is this act of the ten tribes called?

What time is meant by *unto this day?*

20. What did the people then do?

Were they really *all* Israel that chose Jeroboam

Who followed Rehoboam?

What small tribe was included in the name of Judah?—See next verse.

Why is Rehoboam called *the house of David?*

21. How did Rehoboam intend to try to force the ten tribes to obey him?

22—24. How was he prevented?

How did a king, many years after this, speak of the power of God?—See Dan. iv. 35.

25. Where did Jeroboam live?

Where did Rehoboam live?—See 1 Kings xiv. 21.

26. What was Jeroboam now afraid of?

27. How did he think this might take place?

How would this be likely to have this effect?

How does this prove that Jeroboam had not faith in God?—See 1 Kings xi. 37, 38.

28. What did he do?

What did he say to the people?

Did he mean to say that the calves were gods, or only that they were representations of God?

What was the sin of Jeroboam?

When had a sin like this been committed before?—See Ex. xxxii. 2—4.

29. Where did Jeroboam place these golden calves?

Where was Bethel?

Where was Dan?

30. What was the consequence?

Why was it very natural that this should take place?

Do you know how the people treated the brazen serpent which the Lord had directed Moses to set up?—See 2 Kings xviii. 4.

What is the danger of using pictures of the Saviour, and other representations of God, in public worship?

31—33. What other wickedness did Jeroboam do?

1 Kings xiii. 33, 34.

33. Did he continue to do this?

34. What was the consequence of his sins?

What had the Lord told Jeroboam by the prophet Ahijah?—See chap. xi. 38.

Had Jeroboam acted in this manner?

What did the Lord now say to him by the same prophet?—Chap. xiv. 11.

Who alone was to be exempted from a violent death?—Chap. xiv. 1. 13.

What encouragement is there to the children of bad parents, if they do not follow their evil example?

What punishment was pronounced on the people?—Chap. xiv 15, 16.

1 Kings xiv. 20.

20. How long did Jeroboam reign?

How is he said to have died?—See 2 Chron. xiii. 20.

What do we learn from his history and fate?

LESSON XXXIV.

WHAT was the subject of the last lesson?

Who was king of the ten tribes?

Who was king of the other two?

What tribes were they?

What were the ten tribes called?

What were the other tribes called?

Did they remain peaceable?—See 1 Kings xiv. 30.

What sin did Israel commit?

2 Chronicles, ch. xi. 5. 13—17; xii. 1. 2. 4—9. 13 14.

5. Where did Rehoboam live?

Verses 13—17.

13. What did the priests and Levites do?

14. Why did they come to Rehoboam?

15. What had Jeroboam done?

16. Who came with the priests and Levites?

Why did they come from Israel?

What danger would they have been in if they had remained there?

What should we do when we are exposed to temptation?

If men wish to seek the Lord, why must they leave their bad companions?

17. How did the kingdom of Judah prosper?

How long did it prosper?

Why did it prosper?

2 Chron. xii. 1. 2.

1 What happened at the end of the three years?

What were their sins?—See 1 Kings xiv. 22, 23.

2. When were they punished?

By whom were they punished?

Where is Egypt?

In what direction is it from Jerusalem?

Why did Shishak come up?

Does this mean that he came up for this purpose, or that the Lord punished Judah by sending him?

How had he probably been induced to come up?—See 1 Kings xi. 40.

Can you tell in your own language what happened in Israel near this time, which shows the importance of obeying God?—See 1 Kings xiii. 11—26.

Verses 4—9.

4. What did the king of Egypt do?

5. What message did the Lord send to Rehoboam?

How had they forsaken the Lord?

What will be the punishment of those who forsake God?—Isa. i. 28.

6. What effect had the message on the king and princes?

What did they acknowledge?

How was God righteous in doing this?

7. What did the Lord say when he saw that they repented?

8. Did he not punish them at all?

9. What did Shishak do?

Verses 13, 14.

13. How long did Rehoboam reign?

How much longer did Jeroboam reign?—See 1 Kings xiv. 20.

14. What was the cause of his wickedness?

Had he not had instruction and warnings from the Lord?

Had he not had good advice from aged men?

Had not the Lord blessed him so long as he did well?

Had he not the evil example of Jeroboam to warn him?

Can you think then of an excuse for his sins?

Now are there persons among us who have had all these advantages, and yet have not *prepared their hearts to seek the Lord?*

Where do you think there are any who have been taught, and warned, and prayed for, and yet do not seek the Lord?

If Rehoboam and Jeroboam had lived in our time, and acted as they did, why would they appear to be still more guilty?

May not then impenitent sinners in Christian countries be more severely punished than they were?

What proof have we in this history of the forbearance and mercy of God?

But did he not punish them at all?

What then should we fear?—See Heb. iii. 12—15.

LESSON XXXV.

WHAT was the state of the Israelites as related in the last lesson?

1 Kings, ch. xv. 1—4. 8—11. 2 Chron. ch. xv. 1—15.

1. Who succeeded Rehoboam?

What relation was he to Rehoboam?—See ch. xiv. 31.

What is he called in Chronicles?—See 2 Chron. xiii. 1.

In what year of Jeroboam's reign was this?

2. How long did he reign?

3. What was his character?

What were *the ways of his father?*

Is it natural for a child to follow the example of his father?

How then should a parent always act?

But if a parent sets a bad example, is that an excuse for his children's sins?

4. What did the Lord do for Abijam?

What is meant by giving him *a lamp in Jerusalem?*

What had the Lord promised respecting Solomon?—See 1 Kings xi. 36.

What was Christ called by Simeon?—Luke ii. 32.

Was Abijam one of the ancestors of Christ?—See Matt. i. 7.

How is his name written there?

What did he say to Jeroboam and his people in one of their battles?—See 2 Chron. xiii. 10—12.

Does it seem from this that in the beginning of his reign he served the Lord?

Who conquered in this battle?—2 Chron. xiii. 16. 20.

Verses 8—11.

8. Who succeeded to Abijam?

9. In what year of Jeroboam's reign was that?

10. How long did Asa reign?

11. What was his character?

What did he do?—See 2 Chron. xiv. 3—5.

How did he pray when he was going to fight with Zerah, the Ethiopian?—See 2 Chron. xiv. 11.

2 Chron. xv. 1—15.

1. How did the Lord send a message to Asa?

What is meant by the Spirit of God coming upon Azariah?

2. Whom did Azariah address?

What did he say?

What is meant by the Lord being with him?

What is meant by their being with the Lord?

What is meant by seeking the Lord?

What is meant by finding the Lord?
How do we know when we have found the Lord?
What is meant by forsaking the Lord?
What is meant by the Lord forsaking any one?
Are these declarations as true of us as they were of the Jews?
How do you know they are?—See James iv. 8. Matt. vii. 7, 8. Heb. xii. 25.
What encouragement, then, do these words give to us?
What warning do they give?

3. What then did the prophet say?

To what time does he refer?

4. How had the Lord dealt with them?

How do men *turn* to the Lord?
What is this turning sometimes called?—See Ps. li. 13, last clause.
What did Christ say about being converted?—See Matt. xviii. 3.
Did he mean to say that all children are converted?—See Matt. xviii. 4.
What did Peter say to the Jews in the porch of the temple?—Acts iii. 19.
How then should sinners pray?—See Jer. xxxi. 18, last two clauses.

5, 6. What is said in these verses?

7. How did he encourage Asa and the people?

In what way should Christians be strong?—Eph. vi. 10.
How else does the apostle exhort them?—1 Cor. xv, 58.

8. What effect had these words on the king?

By what name is the prophet called here?

9. Who joined Asa?

10. When was this?

11, 12. What did the people do?

13. How were idolaters to be punished?

Was this according to the law?—See Ex. xxii. 20.

14. How did they confirm the covenant?

15. Was their covenant sincere?

How did the Lord bless them?

LESSON XXXVI.

Which of the kings of Judah was last mentioned?

2 Chronicles, chap. xvi. 1—3. 7—10; xvii. 1—9.

1. Who opposed Asa?

What was the character of Baasha?—1 Kings xv. 34.

2. To whom did Asa apply for help?

Did the Syrians worship the true God?

What presents did Asa send to Benhadad?

What was wrong in his sending these treasures?

3. What did he ask the king of Syria to do?

What was wrong in this?

What does the apostle Paul say of *covenant-breakers?* —Rom. i. 31, 32.

What is the sin of persuading others to sin?

Verse 7—10.

7. After the king of Syria had fought against Baasha, who came to Asa?

What is a *seer?*—See 1 Sam. ix. 9.

What did Hanani say to Asa?

What was Asa's sin ?

How had the Lord warned the Israelites against making leagues with idolaters ?—See Ex. xxiii. 32, 33.

What made it so sinful in them to seek for help from any but God ?—See Lev. xxvi. 11, 12.

In what other manner did Asa commit the same sin ?—See 2 Chron. xvi. 12.

Does that mean that he ought not to have applied to physicians ? or that he depended on them without looking to God to bless their means ?

How may *we* be guilty of the same kind of sin that Asa was ?

What has the Lord declared ?—Jer. xvii. 5, 6.

What was Asa's punishment for his sin ?

What is meant by this ?

8. What did the prophet then allude to ?

Where are these spoken of ?—See 2 Chron. xiv. 9.

Why had he been delivered from them ?

9. What did the prophet declare ?

How are we to understand the first expression here ?

What did one of the friends of Job say of the knowledge of God ?—Job xxxiv. 21, 22.

What is said in the Proverbs ?—Prov. xv. 3.

What did the apostle Paul say ?—Heb. iv. 13.

For what purpose does the Lord thus behold all things ?

What is the meaning of this ?

Who are meant by those *whose heart is perfect* towards God ?

How does God *show himself strong* in the behalf of such ?

How had Asa acted ?

What was to be his punishment ?

10. How did Asa act when he heard this ?

What was his sin in acting thus?
How ought he to have received his message from God?
Do sinners ever become angry with those who tell them the truth?
What reason is there to hope that Asa afterwards repented of this and his other sins?—See 1 Kings xv. 14.
How long did Asa reign?—2 Chron. xvi. 13.

2 Chron. xvii. 1—9

1. Who reigned next over Judah?
What did he do?
What does that mean?

2. How did he do it?
Do you remember what Abraham once said to his relation Lot?—See Gen. xiii. 8.
Were not all the tribes brethren?
How ought they to have lived together?—Ps. cxxxiii. 1.

3. What was the character of Jehoshaphat?
What is meant by his walking in the *first* ways of David?
What is meant by his not *seeking unto Baalim*?

4. How did he act?
What is the difference between *seeking to the Lord*, and *walking in his commandments?*
What were the *doings of Israel?*—See 1 Kings xii. 28—30.

5. How did the Lord bless him?

6. What more is said of him?
Was this like David?—See Ps. cxliii. 8.
What did he take away?
What are meant by *high-places* and *groves?*

7. What else did he do?

8. Whom did he send with the princes?
How many Levites did he send?
How many priests?

9. What did they do?
What *book of the law* had they?
Had they any other part of the Bible then than the five books of Moses?
What would be the advantage of sending teachers in this way throughout Judah?
Can you think of any advantages of the same kind which you have?
But is it any advantage to be taught from the Bible, if we do not obey it?
What does Paul say of the gospel?—Rom. i. 16.
What does he say of the effect of hearing the gospel?—2 Cor. ii. 15, 16

LESSON XXXVII.

What king of Judah was last mentioned?
What was his character?

2 Chronicles, chap. xix. 5—11; xx. 3—23. 27, 28. 31.

5. What else did Jehoshaphat do?

6. How did he direct the judges?
What is meant by their *judging for the Lord?*
In what sense should all judges and rulers act for the Lord?—See Rom. xiii. 3, 4.

7. What must they do in order to be good judges?
What is meant by the *fear of the Lord* in this place?

What reason is given for their taking heed to this?

Why is there no iniquity with God?

What is meant by *respect of persons?*

In what sense has not God respect of persons? - See Job xxxiv. 19. Acts x. 34, 35. Rom. ii. 6—

Was this observed in Christ?—See Matt. x.

Why does not the Lord judge of a man by his outward appearance?—See 1 Sam. xvi. 7.

What is the last thing mentioned?

What is the sin of judges taking bribes?

What is said of this in the law?—Deut. xvi. 19.

What is meant by saying that there is no taking of gifts *with God?*

8, 9, 10. How did Jehoshaphat charge the judges at Jerusalem?

11. What was his last advice?

What is meant by the judges *dealing courageously?*

When persons who wish to do what is right are opposed and ridiculed, how should they show courage?

What should encourage all such?—Rom. viii. 31.

What words may such persons apply to themselves?—See Josh i. 8, 9.

What should be the chief dependence of such?—2 Tim. ii. 1.

What promise is given here?

Who are meant by *the good?*

2 Chron. xx. 3—23.

3. What did the king do when he heard that a great army was coming against him?

What is a *fast?*

What is meant by *proclaiming* a fast?

How is fasting an act of humiliation?

If persons are in great sorrow or anxiety, is it not natural for them to have no desire for food?

What did David say when he was in trouble?—Ps. cii. 4.

Would it be of any use to fast if men are not really sorry for their sins, and really anxious for God to hear their prayers?

What did the Lord direct the prophets to say about the fasts of the Jews?—Isa. lviii. 5—7. Joel ii. 12, 13.

What did the Lord Jesus say about fasting?—Matt. vi. 16—18.

Can you tell the meaning of those expressions?

4. What did the people do, besides fasting?

Where did they come to?—See ver. 5.

5—9. What did the king do?

What prayer is alluded to in verses 8, 9?—See 2 Chron. vi.

10, 11. Who were the people that were coming against him?

From whom were the Ammonites and Moabites descended?—Deut. ii. 19.

Who were the people of "Mount Seir"?—Deut. ii. 22.

12. How did Jehoshaphat pray?

What is meant by their eyes being upon God?

13. How many of the people came to the temple on this occasion?

14. How did the Lord answer the prayer?

15. What did he say?

16, 17. What did he tell them to do? What did he promise?

18. What then did the king and people do?

Should we leave off praying or worshipping because God has given his promise to do what we prayed for?

Why not?

19. What else was done?

Why did they praise the Lord before their enemies were conquered?

How did this show their faith?

20. What did the king say to them?

21. What did he appoint?

22. What then took place?

How had the Lord said their enemies should be defeated?—See ver. 17.

23. How was the saying of the Lord fulfilled?

Verses 27, 28.

27, 28. How did the Jews act after the destruction of their enemies?

What encouragement does this history give to sincere and humble prayer?

Verse 31.

31. How long did Jehoshaphat reign?

What was the most remarkable thing in his character?

How may you imitate him?

LESSON XXXVIII.

WHO was the principal person in the last lesson ?
Of which part of the Jews was he king ?

1 Kings, chap. xvi. 29—34; xvii. 1—16.

29. Who was king of Israel during part of Jehoshaphat's reign in Judah ?
Where did he live ?

30. What was the character of Ahab ?

31. What led him to idolatry ?
What idol did he worship ?

32. What else did he do ?
What is meant by *rearing an altar* for Baal ?

33. What is said of his sinfulness ?

34. What took place in his reign ?
What is meant by what is said here of the sons of Hiel ?
When had the Lord said this ?—See Josh. vi. 26.
How had Jericho been destroyed ?—See Josh. vi. 20.
How long had it been since the Lord said this before Hiel built the city again ?—[About 500 years.]
Does God ever forget his threatenings or his promises ?
Will length of time make any difference in what God has once said ?
What did the Saviour declare about this ?—Matt. xxiv 35.

Chap. xvii. 1—16.

1. Who is mentioned in this verse ?
Where did he live ?
Where was Gilead ?

How is his name written in the New Testament? Luke iv. 25.

What is the meaning of his name?

What did Elijah say to Ahab?

What is meant by his standing before the Lord?

What is Elijah called?

What did he prophesy?

What do you know about the *rains* and *dews* in Judea?*

What is meant by there being no rain or dew *but according to his word?*—See James v. 17.

What was the cause of this punishment on Israel?—See chap. xvi. 32, 33.

Had this punishment ever been threatened in such a case?—Deut. xi. 16, 17.

2—4. Where was Elijah to go?

Where was he to drink?

How was he to be fed?

What are ravens?

5, 6. Did this take place?

How often did the ravens bring the food?

7. What happened after a while?

8, 9. Where did the Lord then direct Elijah to go?

Where was Zarephath?

What is it called in the New Testament?—See Luke iv. 26.

How was he to be taken care of there?

10. Did Elijah do this?

Where did he find the widow?

What was she doing?

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, American Sunday-school Union edition, vol. i. p. 24.

What did he say to her?

11. What did she do?
What did Christ say about this?—Matt. x. 42.
Is there any person too poor to do good?
What did Elijah then ask for?

12. What did the woman answer to Elijah?
What is a *cruse?*
Was oil used in making bread?
What was she gathering the sticks for?
What did she expect would happen to her and her son as soon as they had eaten their last bread?

13. What did Elijah say to her?
What did he tell her to do?

14. What did he promise her?
Who did he tell her had said so?

15. Did the woman believe him?
What then took place?
How did she show her faith in God by giving Elijah the only cake she had?
How many were thus supported?
How long were they supported?

16. How were they fed?
Who performed this miracle?
Do you remember any miracles that Christ performed like this?—See Matt. xvi. 9, 10.
What example does the conduct of this widow give of kindness to those that are in want?

Do you remember what Christ said of a poor widow in Jerusalem?—See Mark xii. 41—44.
What did Christ say of those who show kindness to his disciples for his sake?—Matt. x. 41, 42.

LESSON XXXIX.

WHERE was Elijah in the last lesson?
How was he supported?

1 Kings, chap. xvii. 17—24; xviii. 1—6. 17—21.

17. What happened after this?
Did the widow's son die?

18. What did his mother say to Elijah?
What did she mean by this?
Did she think that Elijah had been sent to punish her for her sins?
How does affliction put us in mind of our sins?

19. What did the prophet say to her?
What did he do with the child?
What is meant by *a loft?*

20. What then did Elijah do?
Did he mean to *complain* to God?

21. What did he pray for?
What is meant by the child's *soul?*
How is it known when the soul is not in the body?
Can the body live without the soul?
Can the soul live without the body?
What is it that you *think* with, and *remember* with?
Do you never *think* and *remember*, and feel *sorrow*, or *alarm*, or *desire*, when you are asleep?
Does not this prove that the soul acts even when the body is insensible?
When will your soul and body be separated?
Will they always be separated?

When will they be united again?
Will they ever be separated after that?

22. Did the Lord hear Elijah's prayer for the child?

Was any dead person ever restored to life before this?
Do you remember any case like this mentioned in the Old Testament?—See 2 Kings iv. 32—34.
Do you remember whom Christ raised to life after he had been buried?
By whose power was this child brought to life?
By whose power will you be raised from your grave?

23. What then did the prophet do?

24. What did the woman say?

How did the miracle prove that Elijah was a *man of God?*
How did it prove that *the word of the Lord,* as he spoke it, *was truth?*
Did Christ perform as great miracles as this?
Did he only perform a few or many?—See Matt. xi. 5.
What then do these miracles prove about Christ?—John xiv. 11.

1 Kings xviii. 1—6.

1. What took place after this?
In what year of the famine was this?

2. Where was Ahab?

Who was he?

3. Who was governor of Ahab's house?
What was his character?

4. How had he shown this?

How long had he served the Lord?—See ver. 12.
Who was Jezebel?—See 1 Kings xvi. 30, 31.

5, 6. What had Ahab and Obadiah done?

Verses 17—21.

17. What did Ahab say when he met Elijah coming to him?

How did Ahab know any thing about Elijah?—See 1 Kings xvii. 1.

18. What was Elijah's answer?

Who had caused all the trouble?

19. What did the prophet ask the king to do?

Where was Mount Carmel?

Who were to be assembled there?

Who are meant by the *prophets of Baal* and the *prophets of the groves?*

What is meant by their *eating at Jezebel's table?*

20. Did Ahab do this?

21. What did Elijah say to the people?

What did he mean by *halting* between two opinions

What two opinions did he mean!

How had the Israelites been halting in their opinion?

How did he advise them to act?

Did they not know which was the true God?

What did the people say?

Why did they not answer him?

Is there any other *halting* than between the worship of the true God and idols?

What may be said of those persons who are hesitating and delaying about repentance and believing in Christ?

Is it really true that they are neither unbelievers nor believers?

What did Christ say about such?—Matt. vi. 24; xii 30.

If then a person is not a Christian, what is he?
What is said of the treatment of such by Christ?—Rev. iii. 15, 16.

LESSON XL.

WHAT was the subject of the last lesson?
What had Elijah asked Ahab to do?
What did Elijah say to the people when they met on Mount Carmel?
What did they answer?

1 Kings, chap. xviii. 22—40. 45.

22. What then did Elijah say?
Were all the people idolaters except Elijah?—See 1 Kings xix. 18.
23. What did he propose should be done?
24. What then should be done?
What was this for?
Did the people agree to this?
25. Who was to make the first trial?
26. What took place?
Why was there *no voice nor answer?*
Does *leaping* seem to have been a part of pagan worship?—See Zeph. i. 9.
How long did the prophets of Baal do this?
27. What did Elijah say to them?
What is meant here by *mocking* them?
What did he mean by saying these things?
28. What did the prophets of Baal do next?

Was this a custom of the heathens?—And see Lev. xix. 28.

29. How long did they continue to call upon Baal?

Had it any effect?

30—35. What then did Elijah do?

What was the *trench* for?

Why did he tell them to pour so much water on the bullock and the wood?

36. When all was ready, what did Elijah do?

For what did he pray?

37. Why did he wish his prayer to be answered?

What is meant by the Lord *turning their heart back again?*

38. What took place when Elijah had prayed?

How did this prove that Elijah worshipped the true God?

Had the Lord ever done any thing like this before? See Lev. ix. 23, 24. 1 Chron. xxi. 26.

39. Did this convince the people?

40. How were the prophets of Baal punished?

Why were they punished more severely than the people?

Are there any persons now in the world so ignorant as to worship idols?

Do you know how many there are supposed to be who have never seen the Bible nor heard of God?

What is the duty of Christians to such nations?

What did Christ command his apostles to do?—Mark xvi. 15.

How do we know that this commandment was meant for the Christian church in all ages?—See Matt xxviii. 20.

What has the apostle Paul said?—Rom. x. 13—15.

Did the apostles obey this commandment of Christ?—Acts xiii. 4. 13, &c. Rom. xv. 19.

Did the first Christians obey it?—Acts viii. 4, &c.

Do Christians now obey it?

Can you tell how many Christian ministers and teachers there are now among the heathen?

Are there enough to teach all the millions of the heathen?

What did our Lord say when he saw multitudes of people without any one to teach them the truth?—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

What did he teach his disciples to pray for?—Matt. vi. 10.

But what should we do besides praying?

What promises has God given to encourage Christians in this work?—Isa. xi. 9. Mal. i. 11, &c.

Verse 45.

45. What took place after this?

How long was it since there had been rain?—James v. 17.

Why did the Lord send rain now?—James v. 18.

LESSON XLI.

. Kings, chap. xix. 1—21; xx. 1, 2. 13. 23. 28—30.

1. What did Ahab do when he returned home from Carmel?

Who was Jezebel?

2. What did Jezebel do?

Why was she so angry with Elijah?—See ch. xvi. 31.

3. How did Elijah escape?

4. Where did he go?

What wilderness was near Beersheba?

What did he pray for?

5—7. How was his prayer answered?

8. Where did he go from the wilderness?

Where is Horeb?

Is it the same as Sinai?

Why is it called *the mount of God?*

How long was Elijah without food?

How long was Moses on the same mountains without food?—Ex. xxxiv. 28.

9. Where did Elijah go?

What did the Lord say to him?

10. What reason did he give for being there?

What is meant by his being *jealous* for the Lord?

Who had destroyed the prophets of the Lord?—See ch. xviii. 4.

11. What did the Lord then tell him to do?

What then took place?

What is meant by the Lord not being *in the wind?*

Did the Lord ever appear in this manner?—See Job xxxviii. 1.

What came after the wind?

What is an earthquake?

Did this ever show that the Lord was present?—See Ex. xix. 18.

12. What followed the earthquake?

Had this appearance ever shown the presence of God? —See Ex. xix. 18.

What followed the fire?

What is meant by a *still small* voice?

13. What did Elijah do?

Why did he cover his face?—See Ex. iii. 6.

Where was he when the wind, and earth quake, and fire took place?

What happened to Moses on these mountains like this? —See Ex. xxxiii. 18—22.

What did the voice say?

14. What was Elijah's answer?

15. What did the Lord command him to do?

Where was *the wilderness of Damascus?*

Who was to be the king of Syria?

Did this happen in Elijah's lifetime?—See 2 Kings viii. 13.

16. Who did the Lord say should be king of Israel?

When did this take place?—See 2 Kings ix. 1—3.

Who was to be prophet in the place of Elijah?

17. How did the Lord speak of the punishment of Israel?

18. How many Israelites had refused to become idolaters?

How is this passage quoted by the apostle Paul?—Rom. xi. 4.

19. Where did Elijah find Elisha?

What did he do as he passed him?
What did this signify?

20. Did Elisha understand it?
What did he say?
Is it not probable that he knew who Elijah was, and that he was willing to follow him as a prophet of God?
How did the fishermen act when Christ called them to follow him?—Matt. iv. 20.
Who were these fishermen?
How did Matthew act when he was called?—Luke v. 28.
When Christ commands us to follow him, *when* does he wish us to do it?
What did he say to some who made excuses for not obeying him at once?—Luke ix. 62.
What is meant by *following Christ?*
What did Elijah answer to Elisha?
What is the meaning of this?

21. What did Elisha do?
What did he do after that?
What did the Lord say of those who should forsake every thing for his sake?—Matt. xix. 29.

1 Kings xx. 1, 2.

1. Who came to attack Israel at this time?
2. Who was the king of Israel?

Verse 13.

13. What did the Lord promise to do?
Did this take place?—See ver. 20, 21.

Verse 23.

23. How did the Syrians pretend to account for their defeat?

Verses 28—30.

28. What did the Lord say?

29, 30. Did this take place?

Is there any place where God's power cannot reach a sinner?

What did Elihu say about this?—Job xxxiv. 21, 22.

Is there any place where God's love cannot reach his people?

What did the apostle say of this?—Rom. viii. 38, 39.

LESSON XLII.

1 Kings, chap. xxi. 1—19. 23—26.

1. WHAT is mentioned here?

Where was Jezreel?

How far from Samaria?

2. What did Ahab ask of Naboth?

3. Why would not Naboth sell it?

4. How did this vex Ahab?

What do you think of such behaviour in a king?

5. What did his wife say to him?

What was the character of Jezebel?

6. What did Ahab answer?

Was this the whole truth?—See ver. 3.

Can you tell how Ahab was guilty of a falsehood by only telling part of the truth?

7. What did Jezebel promise to do?

What does Solomon say of a virtuous woman?—Prov xxxi. 26.

Was this the character of what Jezebel said?

8—10. What did she do?

Was this charge against Naboth true?

11—16. Did the people do as she wished?

What is the sixth commandment?

What is the eighth commandment?

What is the ninth commandment?

What is the tenth commandment?

Can you tell how each of these was broken at this time?

Is it a sin to wish for any thing that another person is willing to sell?

What then is the sin of *coveting?*

Does not looking at and thinking of a thing that we wish, but cannot get, often lead to this sin?

How does coveting often lead to dishonesty and crime?

Can you mention an instance?—See Josh. vii. 21.

What then is the best way to escape this danger?

What does the apostle say of the covetous?—1 Cor. vi. 10.

Did Ahab agree to what Jezebel had done?

Were any of Naboth's family murdered with him?—See 2 Kings ix. 26.

17, 18. Did the Lord know what had been done?

What did he do?

19. What was the Lord's message to Ahab?

What crimes did he charge upon him?

What was to be his punishment?

How was this fulfilled?—See ch. xxii. 31. 34, 35. 38.

Verses 23—26.

23. What was to be the punishment of Jezebel?

When did this take place?—See 2 Kings ix. 30. 33—37.

24. What was to befall Ahab's family?

Why did not this part of the punishment happen in Ahab's lifetime?—See ver. 27—29.

How was his son Ahaziah killed?—2 Kings i. 2. 17.

What befell other members of his family?—See 2 Kings x. 1. 7—14. 17.

How did his son Jehoram die?—See 2 Kings ix. 24—26.

25, 26. What was the cause of this dreadful punishment?

How had Ahab *sold himself* to do wickedly?

Who had led him to this?

Was this any excuse for him?

Why not?

What punishment may those expect who tempt others to sin?

What punishment may those expect who allow themselves to be led into sin?

What is the reason that men are led into sin by temptation?—James i. 14.

What is the blessing of the person who resists temptation?—James i. 12.

What is the best way of escaping from temptation?—See Heb. iv. 15, 16. Matt. vi. 9. 13.

Will the punishment of all sinners be as dreadful as that of Ahab and Jezebel?—See Matt. xiii. 49, 50.

What will make the punishment of impenitent sinners terrible?—See Matt. xxv. 46.

LESSON XLIII.

2 Kings, chap. ii. 1—11.

1. What was about to happen to Elijah?

Where did he and Elisha go from?

Where was Gilgal?

Do they both seem to have known what was about to take place?

2. What did Elijah say to Elisha?
Where was Bethel?
What did Elisha answer?

3. Who came to Elisha?
Who are meant by the sons of the prophets?*
What did they say to Elisha?
What did he answer?

4. Where did they next go?
Where was Jericho?

5. What took place there?

6. What was the next place that Elijah was sent to?
Did Elisha go with him?

7. What did some of the sons of the prophets do?
To view what?
Where did Elijah and Elisha stand?

8. What did Elijah do?
What is meant by his *mantle?*
What then took place?
Do you remember any miracle like this?—See Ex. xiv. 21, 22.
When had any thing like it taken place in the river Jordan?—See Josh. iii. 14—17.

9. What did Elijah say after they had passed through the river?
How could he do any thing for Elisha?—See James v. 16, last sentence.
Why should we not pray to prophets or any other persons in heaven?—See 1 Tim. ii. 5.

* See Bible Dictionary, art. "Prophets."

What did Elisha answer?

What is meant by a double portion of Elijah's spirit?

Had Elijah power to give the spirit of prophecy?

Do you suppose Elisha meant to *pray* to Elijah, or only asked him as a prophet to obtain this for him?

When did something like this take place before?—See Num. xi. 24, 25.

10. What did Elijah reply?

Is any thing *hard* for God to give?

In what sense did he call this a *hard thing?*

11. What appeared as they went on together?

How were Elijah and Elisha separated?

Who are called *the chariots of God?*—Ps. lxviii. 17.

How are the judgments of God spoken of by Isaiah?—Isa. lxvi. 15.

Where did Elijah go?

How was he taken?

Did he die?

Had any person before this gone to heaven without dying?—See Gen. v. 24.

What is the departure of Enoch and Elijah called?—See Heb. xi. 5.

What is the meaning of *translated* when applied in this manner?

Did Elijah ever come back to this earth?

When did he come?—See Matt. xvii. 1—9.

How is his name written in the New Testament?

What did Elijah and Moses speak of with Christ?—Luke ix. 31.

What had been prophesied about Elijah?—See Mal. iv. 5, 6.

Did the Jews expect to see him?—Matt. xvii. 10.

Whom did some of the Jews think Christ was?—Matt. xvi. 14.

Who was meant by the prophet Malachi when he spoke of Elijah?—See Matt. xi. 13, 14, and xvii. 12, 13.

Why was John the Baptist called Elijah?—Luke i. 16, 17.

Has God revealed any reason why Enoch and Elijah were taken to heaven without dying?

Why must our bodies die?—Rom. v. 12.

How then will the bodies of Christians get to heaven?—1 Cor. xv. 51, 52.

Has any one been raised to heaven after having died?—1 Cor. xv. 3, 4. 20.

What hope does this give to Christians?—1 Thess. iv. 14.

What then may they say in looking forward to death?—1 Cor. xv. 55—57.

LESSON XLIV.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

Who was with Elijah at the time he was taken?

Who else probably saw it?—ch. ii. 7.

2 Kings, chap. ii. 12—18; iv. 1—10. 18—20. 25—27. 29. 32—35.

12. What did Elisha say when he saw this?

When was the same expression again used?—See 2 Kings xiii. 14.

Did he see Elijah again?

How did he show his grief?

What was Elisha to be on the departure of Elijah?—See 1 Kings xix. 16.

13. Where did he go?

What did he take with him?

14. What did he do?

What did he mean by the question he asked?
What took place?

15. What now rested upon Elisha?
What is meant by that?
How did his passing the Jordan prove this?
Had Elisha performed any miracle before this?
16—18. How did they search for Elijah?
Why did they seek for him?
How long did the fifty men seek for him?

Chap. iv. 1—10.

1. Who applied to Elisha?
What was her case?
Does such a custom appear to have been known among the Jews in the time of our Saviour?—See Matt xviii. 25.
2. What property had this widow?
3. What did Elisha tell her to do?
4. What then was she to do?
5, 6. What took place?
7. What did this enable her to do?
What is our duty to the poor?
Are there any promises to the poor who trust in God?
Can you find any promises particularly to poor widows and orphans?
Can you mention a miracle like this which Elijah did?
8. What place is next mentioned?
Where was Shunem?

At whose house did Elisha stay whenever he was in that town?

9. What did she say to her husband?

How do you suppose she knew Elisha was a holy man?

How will all Christians be known to be holy?

How will they be likely to be known in the families in which they stay?

What could the Thessalonians witness as to the conduct of the apostle Paul?—1 Thess. ii. 10.

10. How did they show their kindness to Elisha?

How do the Scriptures direct Christians to act to strangers?—Rom. xii. 13. Heb. xiii. 2.

Verses 18—20.

18—20. What happened to the child of these people?

Verses 25—27.

25. What did the mother do?

Where was Elisha?

Who was with him?

26. What did he tell Gehazi to ask her?

27. Did Elisha know what had happened?

Verse 29.

29. What did Elijah tell Gehazi to do?

Verses 32—35.

32—35. How was the child restored to life?

Was it by his own warmth only that Elisha brought the child to life?—See ver. 33.
What miracle did Elijah perform like this?
Where did Elijah perform his miracle?
Where did Elisha perform this?
What do we hear of the Shunemite widow afterwards?—See chap. viii. 1—6.
Did Christ perform miracles by his own power?—See Mark v. 41. Luke vii. 14, &c.
Did the apostles perform miracles by their own power?—See Acts iii. 6. 12, &c.
What did the miracles of Elijah and Elisha prove?—See 1 Kings xvii. 24.
What did the miracles of the apostles prove?—See Mark xvi. 20.
What did the miracles of Christ prove?—See John x 24, 25. 30.

LESSON XLV.

2 Kings, chap. v. 1—16.

1. Who is mentioned here?
Who was Naaman?
Why was he so much honoured by the king?
Were not the Syrians idolaters?—See 2 Chron. xxviii. 23.
Does the Lord rule over men whether they serve him or not?
Can men escape from the punishment of sin because they do not choose to serve God?
What disease had Naaman?
What is the leprosy?*

* See Biblical Antiquities, published by the American Sunday-school Union, vol. i. p. 173—176.

2—4. How did Naaman hear of Elisha?

5. What did the king say?
What did Naaman do?
What did he take with him?
Why was the king so anxious to have Naaman healed? —See ver. 1.

6. To whom was the letter written?
Who was then king of Israel?—See chap. iii. 1.
What was in the letter?

7. What did Jehoram do when he received the letter?
What did he say?
What did he mean by this?

8. What did Elisha offer to do?
What did he say Naaman should know?

9. What did Naaman do?

10. What did Elisha tell him to do?
Was there any thing in the water of the river that could cure the leprosy?
Why did not Elisha cure him at once?
How did the Saviour try the faith of a blind man whom he cured?—John ix. 7.
How would this teach Naaman to be humble?

11. How did Naaman act when he heard this?
Why was he angry?
How did this show his pride?
How ought men to act when they are asking for favours?
How ought men to feel when they are asking any favour of God?

Whom has God promised to regard?—Ps. xxxiv. 18; li. 17.

What reason have men to be *humble and contrite?*

12. What else did Naaman say?

In what country was Damascus?

How did this show his pride?

Can we expect any blessing of God unless we come to him with proper feelings?—Ps. lxvi. 18.

Will God grant his blessing in any other way than that which he has appointed?

What did the Lord Jesus say was the only way of going to God?—John xiv. 6.

What did the apostle Peter, "filled with the Holy Ghost," say?—See Acts iv. 12.

What did Christ preach?—Mark i. 15.

What did the apostles preach?—Acts iii. 19.

Suppose men should be honest and just, can they be saved without repenting and believing?

If then God has appointed a way of salvation, what is the duty of every sinner?

If sinners do not go to God in this way, what must become of them?

How did Naaman turn away from Elisha's house?

What had enraged him?

13. How did his servants reason with him?

14. Did Naaman follow this advice?

What was the consequence?

15. What did he then do?

What did he say he now knew?

How had he been convinced that the Lord was the only God?

What did he offer to Elisha?

What did he mean by a *blessing?*—See 1 Sam. xxv. 18. 27.
What had he brought with him?—See ver. 5.

16. Would Elisha take any reward?

Was he entitled to any?
Who had enabled him to do the miracle?
Were there any other lepers in the time of Naaman?—See Luke iv. 27.
Which do you think is worse to have, leprosy in the body or sin in the soul?
Why?
How long can any disease last?
If sin is not pardoned, how long will its consequences be felt?
Did Christ ever cure any lepers?
Is it as easy for him to forgive sin as to heal the sick?—Mark ii. 9.
What then should you do?—Matt. viii. 2.

LESSON XLVI.

What was the subject of the last lesson?
By whose power was Naaman healed?
Do you remember how ten men that our Saviour cured of leprosy acted?—See Luke xvii. 17, 18.
Was Naaman thankful to Elisha?
Was he thankful to God?
What did he promise that he never would do again?—2 Kings v. 17.
What did he offer to Elisha?
Would Elisha take a present from him?

2 Kings, chap. v. 20—27.

20. What did Elisha's servant determine to do?

What was his name?
How do you suppose he was tempted to this sin?

21. What did Gehazi do?
What did Naaman do?
What did he ask Gehazi?
22. What did Gehazi answer?
What falsehood did he tell?
What did he ask for?
23. What did Naaman give him?
How much is a talent of silver?
24. How did he think to keep Elisha from knowing what he had done?
25. What then did he do?
What did Elisha ask him?
What falsehood did he tell?
Why does one crime naturally lead to others?
26. What did Elisha say to him?
What is meant by *his heart going with* Gehazi?
How did he show that he knew what had taken place?
How did he reprove him?
What did he mean by this question?
27. What punishment did Elisha pronounce on Gehazi?
Did this take place at once?
What does the apostle say of covetous persons?—1 Tim. vi. 9.
How was Gehazi brought into a *snare* by his covetousness?
How many sins did it lead him into?
Did it bring him any good?
What is said of those who speak lies?—Prov. xix. 5.
Is a person guilty of stealing who obtains any thing by falsehood, as Gehazi did?

What is said of thieves?—1 Cor. vi. 10.
What is their condition in this life?—Prov. xiii. 5.
How was this proved in the case of Gehazi?
What must every one do who wishes to forsake this sin and obtain mercy?—Eph. iv. 28.
Why is it better to confess a sin than to commit another to hide it?
What does the Bible teach on this subject?—Prov. xxviii. 13.
How did Gehazi's conduct do wrong to *Elisha?*
What is the sin of unfaithfulness towards masters, employers, and parents?
What privileges have the apprentices, servants, and children of pious people above others?
Will this be of any service to them if they do not follow their good example?
How should pious servants act to their masters?—Col. iii. 22.
How should they especially act to pious masters?—1 Tim. vi. 2.
How should Christian masters act to their Christian servants?—Col. iv. 1.
Was it of any service to Gehazi that Elisha was a holy man?
Whose fault was it?
What do you learn from this history of the certain discovery of sin?
How did Moses warn the Israelites about this?—Num. xxxii. 23.
Would Gehazi have committed his sins if he thought that Elisha knew what he was doing?
Do you think you would commit a sin if you felt that God was present at the time?
But is not this really the case at all times?
What should be the great motive to keep every one from sin?—Lev. xix. 2. John xiv. 15.

LESSON XLVII.

Who reigned in Israel after Ahab?—[Ahaziah.]
Who reigned after him?—[Jehoram, the son of Ahab.]
Who reigned in Judah after Jehoshaphat?—[Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat.]
Who was king of Israel after Jehoram?—[Jehu.]
What threatening of the Lord was fulfilled in his reign?—2 Kings ix. 30—37, and x. 11. 17.
How did Jehu destroy the priests of Baal?—2 Kings x. 18—28.
Who reigned after Jehu?—[His son Jehoahaz.]

2 Kings, chap. xii. 1, 2; xiii. 10—12. 20.

1. What king began to reign?
Where did he reign?
Was he king of Judah or Israel?
How long did he reign?

2. What was his character?
What did he do for the temple at Jerusalem?
How was the money collected for this purpose?—ver. 9.
Who had instructed him?
What was the character of Jehoiada?—See 2 Chron. xxiv. 16.
How old was Jehoiada when he died?—2 Chron. xxiv. 15.
How long did Jehoash do right?—See 2 Chron. xxiv. 2.
What did he do afterwards?—2 Chron. xxiv. 17, 18.
How did he treat the son of Jehoiada?—2 Chron. xxiv. 20—22.
What was there ungrateful in this?
What did he do with the sacred vessels of the temple?—2 Kings xii. 18.
Do children who have had good instructers sometimes become worse than others?

What makes the sins of such persons very great?

On what principle did the Lord say men would be judged?—See Luke xii. 48, last clause.

What is said of those who having known the truth afterwards go back to sin?—2 Pet. ii. 21.

What do you think God will expect of those who have been taught their duty by their parents and teachers from childhood?

Suppose any such persons should, after their parents or teachers are dead, act as Jehoash did after the death of his teacher, would they have any excuse?

How was Jehoash punished in this world for his sin?—See 2 Chron. xxiv. 24, 25.

2 Kings xiii. 10—12.

10. What other Jehoash is mentioned here?

How long did he reign?

11. What was his character?

What were the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

12. What book is here mentioned?

When the "book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel" or "of Judah" are mentioned in this way, are the two books by that name in the Old Testaments intended?

What other books of Chronicles were there?*

Verse 20.

20. Whose death is here mentioned?

Who was the prophet before Elisha?

Did he die?

Is Elisha mentioned in the New Testament?—Luke iv. 27.

Who spoke of him there?

How is his name written there?

* See Nevin's Biblical Antiquities, vol. i. p. 219.

Who were kings of Israel after Jehoash?—[Jeroboam the second, Zachariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekaiah, Pekah, Hoshea.]

Who were kings of Judah after Joash?—[Amaziah, Uzziah or Azariah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah.]

What is remarkable in the history of Uzziah?—2 Chron. xxvi. 16—21.

What is Uzziah called in the book of Kings?—See 2 Kings xv. 1.

When did Uzziah reign?—[Year of world 3194 to 3246. Before Christ 810 to 758.]

What great prophet lived in his reign?—See Isa. i. 1.

What did Isaiah say of the people?—Isa. i. 4.

What did he foretell?—Isa. ii. 2—4.

Has this prophecy been fulfilled yet?

How is it to be fulfilled?—Mark xvi. 15.

What remarkable vision had Isaiah in the year of king Uzziah's death?—Isa. vi.

What is the most remarkable prophecy that Isaiah made?—See Isa. liii.

How long was this before Christ was born?—[About 700 years.]

What other prophet lived in Uzziah's reign?—See Hos. i. 1.

How did he speak of the people?—Hos. iv. 1.

By what name did he call the ten tribes?—Hos. iv. 17.

What did he exhort them to do?—Hos. xiv. 1, 2.

How does this apply to all sinners?

What is the last verse of the prophecy of Hosea?

What other prophet lived in the time of Uzziah?—See Amos i. 1.

How did the Lord exhort Israel by Amos?—See Amos v. 4.

Does this apply to any but Israel?

LESSON XLVIII.

2 Chronicles, chap. xxvii. 1, 2. 6. 9; xxviii. 1—6. 8—15. 22—25.

1. Who was king of Judah after Uzziah?
How long did he reign?
2. What was his character?
What great sin did his father commit?
Did Jotham do that?
How did the people act in the reign of Jotham?

Verse 6.

6. What was the consequence of his good conduct?
How does the Lord act towards men?—Jer. xvii. 10.

Verse 9.

9. Who reigned after Jotham?

2 Chron. xxviii. 1—6.

1. What was the character of Ahaz?
Why is David called his father?
2. What were his sins?
3. What else did he do?
Can you explain the idolatrous practices here referred to?*
4. How else did he encourage idolatry?

* See Bible Dictionary, articles "Moloch," and "Hinnom."

5. How was he punished ?

6. Who was king of Israel at that time ?

How many of the people of Judah did they kill ?

Why was this done ?

Were not the Israelites idolaters as well as the tribe of Judah ?—See ver. 2.

Did they slay them because they were idolaters, or was this the reason that God punished them in this manner ?

Verses 8—15.

8. What else happened to the people of Judah ?

Why are they called *brethren ?*

Do you remember how they came to be separated ?

Do you think they were as happy now as when they were one people, and worshipped the true God in his temple ?

9. What happened when they arrived at Samaria ?

What did he mean by their having slain them *in a rage which reacheth up to heaven ?*

10. What more did the prophet say to them ?

What made this most unnatural and cruel ?

What did the prophet say of the Israelites themselves ?

Should we not remember our own sins when we are disposed to punish those of others ?

Do you remember a parable which Jesus Christ spoke about forgiveness ?—See Matt. xviii. 21—35.

What did he say to the Jews who accused a woman of sin?—John viii. 7.

11. What did the prophet advise them to do?

12, 13. What did the principal Israelites then do?

14. Did they bring the captive people of Judah into Samaria?

15. How did they treat them?

Verses 22—25.

22. Did the punishment of Ahaz do him any good?

23. What did he next do?

What did he say about the idols of Syria?

How might he have procured the assistance of the true God?

Did the idols of Syria help him?

24, 25. What other wickedness did Ahaz do?

What remarkable prophecy was made to Ahaz?—See Isa. vii. 14.

Where is this applied to Jesus Christ?—Matt. i. 21—23.

What other prophecy did Isaiah make about this time?—Isa. ix. 6, 7.

What did he foretell about the Redeemer's reign?—Isa. xi. 1—9.

Has the promise in the ninth verse of that chapter been fulfilled yet?

What is the duty of Christians, then, to those parts of the earth where God is not yet known?

What other prophet lived in the reign of Ahaz?—See Micah i. 1.

What remarkable prophecy did he make?—Micah v. 2.

Where is this applied to Christ?—Matt. ii. 4—6.

LESSON XLIX.

2 Kings, chap. xvii. 1—24.

1. WHAT king of Israel is here mentioned?

How long did he reign?

2. How did he act?

Was he as bad as Ahaz and others?

3. Who came against him?

What was Hoshea obliged to do?

4. How did Hoshea try to become free from Shalmaneser?

What did Shalmaneser do?

5. What did he do then?

How long was Samaria besieged?

6. What then took place?

Where did Shalmaneser take the Israelites?

Where did he put them?

Where is Assyria?

Where are the other places mentioned in this verse?

7—12. How had Israel brought this punishment upon themselves?

Had they not been constantly commanded and warned against idolatry?

What had the Lord promised if they would serve Him? —See Deut. xxx. 16.

What had he declared should take place if they forsook him?—See Deut. xxx. 17, 18.

Do you remember what Joshua said before he died?—Josh. xxiii. 14—16.

13. How else had the Lord warned them?

14. What effect had this had upon them?

15. What did they do?

How had the Lord charged them?—See Deut. vi. 10—15.

16, 17. Yet what had they done?

18. How had the Lord punished them already?

19. Had this any good effect on the tribe of Judah?

20. How did the Lord still further punish Israel?

21. What had He done?

What had Jeroboam done?

What was this *great sin?*—See 1 Kings xii. 28, 29.

22. Whom had Israel followed?

How did they do this?—1 Kings xii. 30.

23 What did the Lord at last do?

How was this done?

Who had foretold this?

Can you mention some of these prophecies?

Had the Lord shown long-suffering and patience with Israel?

Were they better or worse for this?

How did the Lord speak of this through Jeremiah?—Jer. vii. 23—28.

What is there like this in the conduct of all sinners?

Where and how has God warned them, as plainly as he did Israel, of the consequences of sin?

What promises has he made to those who will repent?

If sinners neglect this from day to day, what is likely to be the case with them?

The Lord cast off Israel, when will he cast off impenitent sinners?—Matt. xxv. 31. 41. Prov. i. 24—31.

Did Israel ever return from Assyria?

Will the wicked ever return from the place of their punishment?—See Luke xvi. 26.

24. Who came to live in Samaria?

Was there any mixture of the true religion with their idolatry?—See ver. 27—29. 33.

How were the Samaritans thought of by the Jews in the time of our Saviour?—See John iv. 9, last clause.

Who was king of Judah when the kingdom of Israel was thus destroyed?—2 Kings xviii. 9.

In what year of the world did this take place?—[3283.]

How long before Christ?—[721 years.]

How long after the ten tribes had separated from Judah?—[254 years.]

Is it known what has become of these ten tribes?

If God spared not his own chosen nation when they despised his mercy, can there be any hope that he will save any sinner who will not return to him through Christ?—See Rom. xi. 20—22.

LESSON L.

What was the subject of the last lesson?

How long is it since the ten tribes were carried captive?

Where were they taken to?

What nas become of them?

2 Kings, ch. xviii. 1—6. 2 Chron. ch. xxix. 3—10. 27. 31; xxx. 5—12. 23. 26, 27.

1. Who was king of Judah at this time? Who was his father?

2. How long did he reign? Who was his mother?

Do you think she would like her name to be mentioned in the Bible, if Hezekiah had been a wicked son?

3. What was his character?

What had been his father's character?

4. What did Hezekiah do? What did he do with the brazen serpent?

On what occasion was that serpent made? Why did Hezekiah destroy it?

What is meant by their *burning incense to it?*

5. In whom alone did he trust?

6. What did he do besides trusting in the Lord?

Can faith save a person if he still goes on to sin?

2 Chron. xxix. 3—10.

3. What did Hezekiah do for the temple?

Who had shut the temple?—See ch. xxviii. 24.

4. Whom did he bring to the temple?

5. What were they to do?

6. What had their fathers done?

7. What had they done to the temple? What had they neglected to do?

Whom had they worshipped?
What had the Lord promised to Solomon when this temple was built?—See 1 Kings ix. 4, 5.
What did he say should happen if they should forsake him?—See 1 Kings ix. 6—9.
Which of these had come to pass?
Whose fault was it?

8. What did Hezekiah confess?

9. What had happened to the people?

10. What did the king wish to do?

What is meant by making a covenant with God?
What had Solomon prayed for when the temple was first opened?—1 Kings viii. 33, 34.

Verse 27.

27. What was done after the temple was cleansed?

28. What did the people do?

29. What did they do after the sacrifices?

Verse 31.

31. What offerings did the people bring?

Chap. xxx. 5—12.

5. What did Hezekiah and the people determine to keep?

Whom did they intend to ask to join with them?

Had the passover been long omitted?

How often should it have been celebrated?—See Ex. xii. 3.
Why had it been omitted?

6. How was the message sent to all Israel and Judah?

What are *posts?*

What was said in the letters?

7. How were the people warned?

8. What were they entreated to do?

9. What encouragement was given to them to repent?

May not all this be said of the declarations of the gospel to sinners?

How have they been warned by the punishment of those who have sinned?

How have they been encouraged by the long-suffering of God?

10. How did the people receive the invitation?

What makes this treatment appear so unnatural and ungrateful in the Israelites?

Is it any less so for sinners now to turn away from the gospel of Christ?

Are those that proclaim the gospel ever *scorned* and *mocked?*

11 Did all the Israelites act thus?

What did these do?

12. How did the people of Judah act?

Verse 23.

23. How long did they keep this passover?

What was the time required by the law?—See Ex. xii. 15.

Verses 26, 27.

26. What is said of this passover?

27. Did the Lord accept their repentance and prayers?

Is the Lord as merciful now as he was in the days of Hezekiah?

How do you know this?

Is he as just?

What has he declared to men?—See Deut. vii. 9, 10.

But these Israelites had become idolaters,—do you think that any in Christian countries have gone so far from God as that?

Do you think that your privileges are greater than those of the Jews were, or less?

What, then, do you think is the danger of those who neglect the Saviour?

LESSON LI.

What king's history had we in the last lesson?

What was done in his reign?

What is said of Hezekiah's conduct?—2 Chron. xxxi. 20, 21.

What did the prophet Micah declare, about this time?—See Micah vii. 18, 19.

2 Chronicles, chap. xxxii. 1. 7—9. Isaiah xxxvii. 1, 2. 6, 7. 10. 14—17. 20. 33—38.

1. Who came against Judah?

What did he think to do?

Had Judah been under the power of Assyria?—See 2 Kings xviii. 7, last clause.

What was God's purpose in allowing Sennacherib to attack Judah?—See Isa. x. 5, 6.

Did Sennacherib mean to act as the instrument of God's punishment?—Isa. x. 7.

Did the Lord intend to destroy Judah?—See Isa. x. 24. 25.

Verses 7—9.

7. How did Hezekiah encourage the people?

Why should they feel encouraged?

Did he mean the Jews were more numerous than the Assyrians?

8. What was the difference in their strength?

What is meant by an *arm of flesh?*

In what ways do men often trust to an arm of flesh instead of God?

Who was on the side of Judah?

Did this satisfy the people?

How did Hezekiah act after this?—See 2 Kings xviii. 14—16.

Was this trusting to the Lord?

9. What took place after this?

How did Sennacherib try to draw the people from Hezekiah?—See 2 Kings xviii. 29—32.

How did the people act?—2 Kings xviii. 36.

On whom was Hezekiah depending for help?—See 2 Kings xviii. 21.

How did the Lord intend to punish them for this?—See Isa. xxx. 1—3. 7, and xxxi. 1—3.

What did the Lord exhort them to do?—Isa. xxxi. 6.

If they did so, what would the Lord do for them?—Isa. xxxi. 8.

Isaiah xxxvii. 1, 2.

1. What did Hezekiah do when he heard of all this?

2. Whom did he send for?

Why did he send for him?

Verses 6, 7.

6. What answer did Isaiah make?

7. What should take place?

Verse 10.

10. What message did Sennacherib send to Hezekiah?

Verses 14—17.

14. What did Hezekiah do?

What did he signify by spreading the letter before the Lord?

Are all persons in trouble encouraged to tell their sorrows to the Lord?

15, 16. How did he begin his prayer?

What is meant by God's *dwelling between the cherubim?*

How did he worship God?

What is Jesus Christ called?—Rev. xix. 16.

What has God made?

Who is said to have done this?—Heb. i. 8. 10.

17. What did he pray the Lord to do?

Did not the Lord see and hear this already?

What was meant then by the prayer?

Verse 20.

20. What did he pray for?

What reason did he give why the Lord should deliver them?

How would this make the kingdoms know that the Lord of Judah was the true God?

Verses 33—38.

33. What answer did the Lord give to Hezekiah's prayer?

34. What should Sennacherib do?

35. What did the Lord declare about Jerusalem?

Why should the Lord do it for *his own sake?*
Why should He do it for *David's sake?*

36. How was this done?

How many of the Assyrians died?

Were they killed in battle?
How may they have been destroyed by the angel?—See 2 Sam. xxiv. 15, 16.

37. Where did Sennacherib go?

38. What became of him?

LESSON LII.

2 Kings, chap. xx. 1—6. 8—11. 21; xxi. 1—5. 9. 16. 14, 15. 2 Chron. chap. xxxiii. 11—13. 15—17.

1. What took place after this?

What did Isaiah say to him?

What is meant by *setting his house in order?*
Should men wait till they are going to die before they prepare for death?

2. What did Hezekiah do?

3. What did he say in his prayer?

Why did he say this?
Why did he weep?
How should the pious feel in the prospect of death?
How did Paul feel?—See Phil. i. 23.

4. Whom did the Lord send to him?

5. What was the Lord's message to Hezekiah?

What did he say should take place?

6. How much longer was Hezekiah to live?

Verses 8—11.

8. What did Hezekiah ask for?

What did he mean by asking for a sign?

Had the Lord often performed miracles to show the truth of what he promised?—See Judg. vi. 36—40.

Did the Jews in the time of Christ expect this proof?—John iv. 48.

9. What sign did Isaiah offer?

What is meant by this?

How was the hour of the day known before watches were invented?—See ver. 11.

10. What did Hezekiah say?

Why would it be a greater miracle for the shadow to go backward than to go forward?

11. What did Isaiah then do?

What did the Lord do?

What was the nature of this miracle?

Had any miracle ever been performed like this before?—See Josh. x. 12, 13.

Does the sun move around the earth, or the earth around the sun?

Does this event in Hezekiah's reign seem to have been noticed in other parts of the world?—See 2 Chron. xxxii. 31.

What did Hezekiah write after he was recovered?—Read Isa. xxxviii. 9—20.

How did he act afterwards?—See 2 Chron. xxxii. 25

What is meant by his heart being *lifted up?*

Where is the account of this given?—See 2 Kings xx. 12, 13, or Isa. xxxix. 1, 2.

What was his sin in doing this?
What did Isaiah predict to him?—2 Kings xx. 16—18.
When did this take place?—Dan. i. 1.
Do persons often forget the mercies of God after they are restored from sickness or danger?
Why is this likely to be the case?
Do you suppose that God forgets the good resolutions that such persons have made?
How did David act?—Ps. lxvi. 13, 14.
How did Hezekiah act when God reproved him for his pride?—2 Chron. xxxii. 26.

Verse 21.

21. Who reigned after Hezekiah?

2 Kings xxi. 1—5.

1. How old was Manasseh?
How long did he reign?
2. What was his character?
Did he follow the example of his father in this?
3. What were his great sins?
4. What did he do in the temple?
5. What were these altars for?

Verse 9.

9. What effect had his sins on the people?
Is it any excuse for sin, that men are tempted by others?
What *nations* are here meant?
Why had the Lord destroyed *them?*

Verse 16.

16. What other sin did Manasseh commit?

Verses 14, 15.

14. What punishment did the Lord threaten for this?

15. How long had the people been provoking him?

Because God is long-suffering with sinners, have they any reason to think that he will let them escape?

2 Chron. xxxiii. 11—13.

11. How did this punishment come on Manasseh?

Where was he taken?

12. What effect had this punishment on him?

Why did it remind him of God?

13. Did the Lord hear his prayer?

What did he do?

What did Manasseh now know?

Did he not know this before?

How did he know it better than before?

Verses 15—17.

15. How did he show his sincerity?

16. What else did he do?

What did he command the people to do?

17. How far did they change their conduct?

LESSON LIII.

Who was the last king of Judah mentioned?

Who reigned after him?—2 Kings xxi. 18.

How long did he reign?—ver. 19.

What was his character?—ver. 20—22.

How did he die?—ver. 23.
Who reigned after Amon?—ver. 26.

2 Chronicles, chap. xxxiv. 1—5. 8. 14, 15. 18—21. 24—33; xxxv. 1. 18—24.

1. How old was Josiah when he became king?

Do you suppose he acted as king while he was so young?

How long did he reign?

2. How did Josiah act?

What is meant by his not *declining to the right hand nor to the left?*

Had this been commanded to the Israelites?—Deut. v. 32.

Is it commanded to *you?*—See Prov. iv. 26, 27.

3. How soon did he begin to be pious?

How old was he then?

Do you think the age of sixteen is very young to begin to serve God?

When should a child begin to do this?

How did Josiah destroy idolatry?

4. What was done with the places of idols?

5. What else did he do?

Does this mean that he burnt the prophets alive?—See 2 Kings xxiii. 16.

When had this very thing been predicted?—See 1 Kings xiii. 1, 2.

Who prophesied at this time in Judah?—See Jer. i. 1, 2.

What was the character of the people when Josiah began to destroy idolatry?—Jer. ii. 13.

What is meant by these expressions?

What other prophet wrote in the reign of Josiah?—Zeph. i. 1.

Verse 8.

8. What was the next thing that Josiah did?

Verses 14, 15.

14. What was found there?

Who found it?

In what part of the temple was the law kept?—Deut. xxxi. 24—26.

15. To whom did the priest give the book?

Verse 18—21.

18. What did he do with it?

19. What effect had it on Josiah?

20, 21. Why was he so distressed?

Does it seem from this that Josiah had neglected to read the law?

What did the law require the kings to do?—Deut. xvii. 18, 19.

Why was it so important for them to know the law?

Why is it as important for us to know the Scriptures?

What great reason did the Saviour give for this?—John v. 39.

Were the copies of the Scriptures as numerous in the time of Josiah as they are now?

Do you not think the Israelites would have thought it a great privilege if each one had a Bible?

Are not those without excuse who have Bibles and do not love and obey God?

What did Josiah wish Hilkiah and the rest to do for him?

What inquiry should every convicted sinner make?—Acts xvi. 30.

Verses 24—33.

24. What message did the Lord send to Josiah?

What are the curses written in the law?—Lev. xxvi. 14, &c.

Are there any curses besides these that apply to persons in our day?—See 1 Cor. xvi. 22.

How should sinners act when they hear this?

25. Why were the Jews to be thus punished?

26, 27. What did the Lord say of Josiah?

28. What did he promise him?

How long had the Lord borne with their idolatry?

29. What did Josiah do then?

30. Where did they all meet?

What did the king do?

31. What was done after the law was read?

32. Who joined in making the covenant?

33. How long did they keep this covenant?

Where are the particulars of what Josiah did at this time?—2 Kings xxiii. 4—20.

2 Chron. xxxv. 1.

1. What feast did they observe?

Ver. 18—24.

18. What is said of that passover?

19. In what year of Josiah's reign did this take place?

Did the Lord still mean to perform what he had threatened?—2 Kings xxiii. 27.

Can you give a reason for this?—See Jer. iii. 10.

20. What king is here mentioned?

What nation was he going to attack?

In what kingdom was Carchemish?—See 2 Kings xxiii. 29.

What did Josiah do?

21. What message did the king of Egypt send him?

What had he been sent for?

22. What did Josiah do?

23. What took place?

24. Where was he brought?

What happened there?

What do you learn from Josiah's history, of the benefit of early piety?

What do you learn of the importance of having the Bible?

What do you learn of the feelings which sinners should have when they have broken God's law?

LESSON LIV.

Who was the king of Judah mentioned in the last lesson?

What was his reign remarkable for?

2 Chronicles, chap. xxxvi. 1—21.

1. Who was king after Josiah?

2. How long did he reign?

3. What happened to him?

4. Who was made king in his place?
What was his name changed to?
What was done with Jehoahaz?

5. How long did Jehoiakim reign?
What was his character?
What did Jeremiah prophesy in his reign?—See Jer. xxv. 1. 8—10.
How long were they to serve the kings of Babylon?—Jer. xxv. 11.
Had they been warned of this?—Jer. xxv. 3—6.
How had the Lord warned them by Moses?—See Deut. xxxi. 19—22, and chap. xxxii. 1—43.
Had the warnings had any effect?—Jer. xxv. 7
How was Jeremiah treated?—Jer. xxvi. 11.
What did Jehoiakim do with some of the prophecies of Jeremiah?—Jer. xxxvi. 21—23.

6. What became of Jehoiakim?
Where was Babylon?

7. What else did Nebuchadnezzar do?
What happened to Daniel and three other Jews at this time?—See Dan. i.

8. Who reigned in the place of Jehoiakim?
What took place in his reign?—See 2 Kings xxiv. 10—16.

9. How old was Jehoiachin when he began to reign?
How long did he reign?

10. Who was the last king that Nebuchadnezzar permitted to reign in Judah?

11. How long did he reign?

12. How did he act?
What did he not do?
How had the Lord warned them?
Are there many warnings in the prophecy of Jeremiah?
What was the cause of all the sufferings of the Jews? —See Jer. xvi. 10—12.
What was one of their great offences?—Jer. xvii. 20—23.

13. What did Zedekiah do?

14. How did the people act?

15. What had the Lord done for them?
Why did he do this?

16. How did they treat the Lord's messengers?
What then took place?
What is meant by there being *no remedy?*
What messages does the gospel bring to men?
If they are despised or neglected, is there any remedy? —Heb. x. 26, 27.
Had there once been a remedy for the Jews?—See Jer. viii. 22.

17. What then took place?
Who were the Chaldees?
What became of the people?

18. What else were taken by Nebuchadnezzar?

19. What did they do to the temple and city of Jerusalem?

20. What was done with the people?
What did the Jews in Babylon?
Who alone were left in Judah?—See 2 Kings xxv. 12

In what year of the world did this (which is the beginning of the Babylonish captivity) take place?—[3416.]

How long before the birth of Christ?—[588 years.]

How long was it since the tribes had come out of Egypt?—[903 years.]

How long after the kingdoms of Israel and Judah became separated?—[387 years.]

How long after the ten tribes had been taken captive by the Assyrians?—[133 years.]

Where else is the account of the captivity given?—[2 Kings xxiv. xxv. Jer. lii.]

How did Jeremiah speak of the appearance of Jerusalem after this time?—Lam. i. 1—4.

21. What was to be thus fulfilled?

Where had Jeremiah foretold this?—Jer. xxv. 11; xxix. 10.

What is said about the Sabbaths?

When had this been first declared as the punishment of the Israelites if they should not keep the Sabbath?—See Lev. xxvi. 34, 35.

When did the existence of the Jews as a nation end?—See Gen. xlix. 10.

Where are the Jews now?*

Is there any intimation that they shall be restored to their own country?—See Jer. xxxi. Ezek. xxxvii. 15—28.

Have the Jews ever practised idolatry since the captivity?

* The scholars may be recommended to read at their leisure the article Hebrews in the Bible Dictionary, published by the American Sunday-school Union, for an outline of the subsequent history of the Jews.

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